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Herb Gray continues to serve Canada

Beth Shalom West plans tribute evening of Thursday, Feb. 6

By Barry Fishman

For 39 years, six months and 26 days, he represented the good people of Windsor as their member of parliament. He was the first Jewish cabinet minister, first full-time deputy prime minister and during his distinguished political career he held nine cabinet posts and was, for close to a year, the official leader of the opposition. On his departure from the House of Commons, the governor general bestowed on him the title of Right Honourable – a title usually reserved for current and former prime ministers, governors general and chief justices of the Supreme Court.

Since retiring from politics and becoming the Canadian chair of the International Joint Commission, a body that monitors US-Canada cross-border environmental, water and air quality issues, the Right Honourable Herb Gray has kept to a schedule that would exhaust men half his age. He is constantly on the go, travelling to meetings along both sides of the 5,000 mile border, speaking at conferences and doing inspections at different International Joint Commission sites.

For Gray, becoming Canadian chair of the International Joint Commission was a "natural progression ... because the issues the commission deals with have been a part of my priority concerns from the beginning of my public career."

As a cabinet minister and MP from a city located on the Great Lakes, Gray has dealt with many of the issues facing the commission. As deputy prime minister, he was especially proud of being able to step in immediately when Environment Minister David Anderson injured his back in July 2001. Gray attended the Bonn meeting on the Kyoto rules and got "an agreement which many people thought was going to be impossible, but which was the foundation that allowed the prime minister to ratify the Kyoto Protocol before Christmas."

In his work at the commission and during his time in Parliament, Gray has been "always inspired

The Right Honourable Herb Gray

by the ethical teachings of our heritage especially the words of the Prophets, with respect to social justice and dealing with the needs of the poor." He is proud of the part he played in the development of social programs, pensions, health care and job creation dur-

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Anti-Semitism on the rise

By Kinneret Globerman

A Toronto physician was beaten up by Palestinian demonstrators and called a "Jewish murderer." A 12-year-old boy was harassed and threatened with death on a public transit system in Montreal's Ville St. Laurent. Headstones in the Jewish cemetery in London were defaced and overturned. Disturbing incidents, these, to say the least. What makes them even more unsettling is the increasing frequency with which they are occurring.

One-hundred-and-ninety-seven anti-Semitic incidents were reported to B'nai Brith Canada from January to June 2002 – an increase of 62.8 percent from the same six-month period in 2001 (all before September 11th!). These were incidents of harassment, vandalism and violence. As experts agree that only 10 percent of all incidents are ever reported, the actual number of incidents that occurred was much higher.

The B'nai Brith hot-line number (1-800-892-BNAI) enables the organization to document Canadian-wide incidents and anti-Semitic trends as they occur.

"If someone gets a nasty email, by having a Canada-wide 1-800 line, as we get calls from across Canada we're able to put together very quickly that this is an email that's gone across the country," says Anita Bromberg, the organization's human rights coordinator. "That puts a very different picture on it for the police."

While Ottawa has so far been spared some of the more horrendous anti-Semitic attacks experienced by communities in other cities, we have had our share. A couple of local synagogues have been defaced with graffiti, cars were vandalized in a synagogue parking lot, and the Jewish community has twice received alerts of unspecified threats to its synagogues and institutions. There are probably more incidents that have gone unreported.

"In 2000, we had 10," says Sergeant Murray Knowles of the Ottawa Police's Hate Crimes Section. "In 2001, we had 22. This

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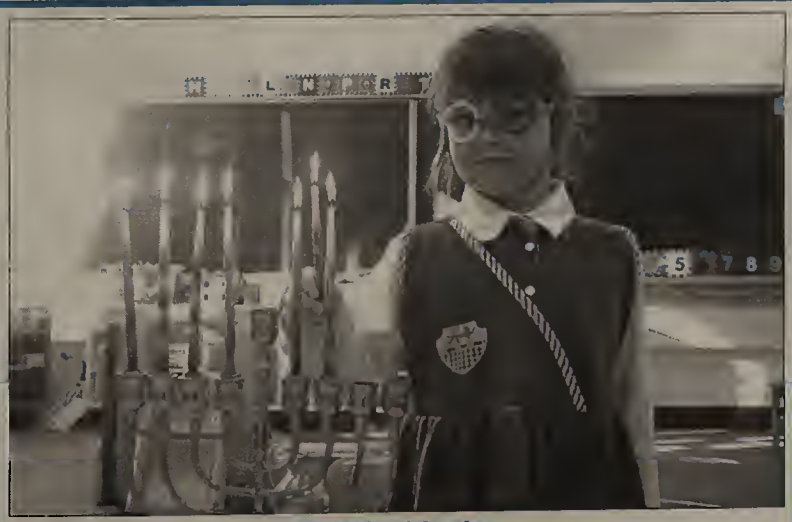

Chanukah celebrations

In the joyous spirit of Chanukah, Rambam-Maimonides student Aidel Faiga Friedman views her menorah through her homemade glasses. More on pages 28 and 29.

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Community urged to report all cases of hate

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year, we're at 33 (in early December) and the year is not over yet.

"[When] there's more unrest in the Middle East, that certainly impacts directly on the Jewish community here in Ottawa."

In the two months that he's been here, Gabe Meranda, the Vaad's new director of communications and community relations, says he's been involved with an anti-Semitic incident at a local high school and one on residential property. Sgt. Knowles says there was also a recent problem with telephone harassment.

"It looked like people were going through the phone book and picking Jewish-sounding names and then, when the phone was answered, they were given a diatribe of hateful messages."

Police intervention solved the problem.

"The question is, what is anti-Semitism?" asks Ron Singer, director of communications for the Canadian Jewish Congress. "You can get into a heated argument with someone about the Middle East. That may not be 'an incident.' But if unsolicited comments are made in the workplace, for example, or at school, towards a Jewish person in a systemic way over a period of time, and there's a constant atmosphere of that, that's something to complain about."

ANTISEMITISM IN CANADA

Failure to be served in a commercial establishment because of one's Jewish ethnicity is a form of anti-Semitism. Public anti-Israel declarations in a place of commerce is another. All of the people interviewed for the *Bulletin* article stressed that reporting was a necessary first step in combating prejudice, and that it was a step individuals shouldn't hesitate to make.

"We need to be alerted to those sorts of incidents so we can act accordingly," says Meranda. "Confidentiality is respected at all times, but we will work in concert with the police department to look into all of the matters as they warrant."

Recently, an individual was subjected to anti-Israel comments made by a clerk in the store he was shopping at. He confronted the clerk; nasty words were exchanged, the clerk retracting nothing. The consumer then called the owner of the store to complain, and to ask that some form of punishment be meted out to the clerk.

"By calling the business owner, [the individual] did the right thing," says Sgt. Knowles. "He didn't get the cooperation he wanted, but that would probably be rare. In this case, the owner dropped the ball. He lost a customer and maybe the entire Jewish community."

If B'nai Brith were involved, says Bromberg, they would probably call the owner and offer "sensitivity" training to him and his staff.

"There's always community action in the most extreme of cases," she says. "I wouldn't say that would be my first choice; to interfere with [someone's] livelihood should not be taken lightly. But barring all else, there are community tools that can be used whether it's boycotting, whether it's picketing, or writing a story in our newspaper arm about what's going on in the community."

"If something like that should happen, [the individual] certainly did the right thing [by complaining to the owner]," says Meranda. "But I would also add that [people] let us know about [such incidents] as well so that we can see if there's some sort of trend developing."

Exhibit traces history of anti-Semitism in Canada

Canadians of all faiths were, justifiably, shocked and outraged at the virulent, anti-Semitic comments made last month by David Ahenakew, a former chief of the Assembly of First Nations and member of the Order of Canada.

As a new exhibit shows, anti-Semitism in Canada is nearly as old as the history of Jews in Canada. The exhibit, on display near the entrance to the Greenberg Families Library in the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, was prepared by Gerald Stone for the Ottawa Jewish Archives.

Among the items displayed are pamphlets and other publications relating to Ezekiel Hart, twice barred on religious grounds from taking his seat as elected member of parliament for Trois-Rivières in the first decade of the 19th century, the Plamondon affair of the early 20th century, programs of the fascist movements led by Adrien Arcand in Quebec and William Whittaker in Manitoba during the 1930s, and the report of a federal study of hate propaganda in Canada.

The exhibit will remain on display until mid-February.

What to do when anti-Semitism strikes

By Kinneret Globerman

There is no question that anti-Semitism is on the rise. Yet rather than be fearful, Jewish communities and individuals must be prepared.

If a life-threatening emergency (such as a physical assault requiring medical intervention) or a crime-in-progress is being experienced, call 911 immediately. If someone comes home to find a mezuzah desecrated, for example, or swastikas drawn beside it – *crimes discovered after the fact* – they should call the police (230-6211) to report the occurrence. (That's also the number to call for reporting suspicious incidents.) A police officer would most likely be dispatched to take pictures and notes and the incident would then be entered in a computer file that the Hate Crimes Section would be responsible for investigating.

If someone is experiencing harassing telephone calls, the first step is to press *69 immediately after receiving the call. That will usually reveal the caller's phone number. The call should then be reported to the police, again at 230-6211.

"It's not a criminal offense with one call," says Sgt. Murray Knowles of the Ottawa Police's Hate Crimes Section. "Maybe with five, it's going to be harassment." But the report should be made after the first call so that police protocol for these kinds of incidents can then be put into place immediately, and the information required for issuing a warrant is provided.

Individuals nervous about speaking to a police officer directly can call the Hate Crime Section's answering machine (236-1222, ext. 2466). However, because the calls aren't always retrieved the same day, Sgt. Knowles says that the most effective way to get action is to call the regular number (230-6211) so that all arms of the police department are activated immediately.

All incidents should also be reported to Gabe Meranda, director of CC&R at the Vaad Ha'ir, either via emailing the Vaad website's administrator (*www.jewishottawa.org*) or by calling Meranda (798-4696, ext. 255).

B'nai Brith Canada also wants to be notified about all and any incidents involving anti-Semitism, racism, hate-motivated crimes or harassment. They offer a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week hot-line (1-800-892-BNAI). Incidents may also be reported on a reporting form accessed at their website (*www.bnaibrith.ca*) or via email at *league@bnaibrith.ca*.

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March 5th-14th the UJA will offer a unique Mission to Israel designed for the entire family. Why leave the kids at home? Take them with you and experience Israel together. Special activities for your children will be provided as well as unique educational opportunities that will leave a lasting impact on you and your family.

Steven and Shelli Kimmel are leading this Mission along with their daughters. They have worked tirelessly with the UJA office here in Ottawa, UIA in Israel, and the tour company to create a program specifically geared to families. There will be numerous hands-on experiences, hikes, opportunities to meet with Israeli families, and visits to our Partnership 2000 twinned area in the North. Ottawa students who have been writing to Israeli students will have a chance to meet them face to face.

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For more details or to apply call 798-4696 ext. 258, or email *mdavis@jccottawa.com*. On-line applications can be found at *www.jewishottawa.com*. An information session will be held January 23rd, please call 798-4696 ext. 246 to RSVP.

The Kimmel family (from left to right): Ariella, Dalia, Shelli, Leora and Steven

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From the mouths of ...

How do you feel when you give tzedakah?

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Darrin K., 9 years old, Hillel Academy

Caught in the web

Recently read on www.jewishottawa.org:

Hillel Opposes CSU's shut down of Concordia Hillel

MONTREAL, December 3, 2002 - At a regular meeting of the Council of Representatives of the Concordia Student Union last night, a motion was made to suspend Concordia Hillel, the representative organ of the Jewish student body at Concordia University.

Visit the Community website at *www.jewishottawa.com* for more information. You may also contribute to the UJA webpage by e-mailing your 100- to 300-word article to *jlepow@jccottawa.com*.

The UJA is looking for a new name for the *Lifelines* page. If you have any suggestions that reflect the ideals of the organization, please send them to *jlepow@jccottawa.com*, or call 798-4696. Prizes awarded.

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Do you know a quotation or short anecdote that reflects the UJA's ideals? Call 798-4696 ext.246, or e-mail *jlepow@jccottawa.com*.

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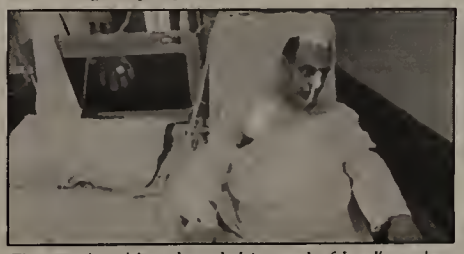

The mounting violence has asked too much of Israel's overburdened emergency trauma services. Immediate funding is needed for additional medical and trauma equipment. Ventilators, monitors, infusion pumps, public address systems and cellular phone equipment are desperately needed. To make a donation to the UJA Emergency Israel Campaign call 798-4696 ext. 250.

Do you have a photograph that reflects the UJA's goals? Please e-mail it to *jlepow@jccottawa.com*, or drop it off at the UJA office.

The bottom line

The operating budget of Hillel Academy greatly exceeds tuition revenue. Although the school holds a number of fund-raising events throughout the year the income they provide is not sufficient to cover expenses. UJA funds directly support each student. Without UJA dollars, tuition fees would dramatically increase.

Sheila Osterer, President Talmud Torah Board

Forest memorial for victims of terror planned by JNF

Tu Bi'Shevat telethon to be held Jan. 26

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

Tomer Mordechai. Rachel Cherki. Freida Britebitch. Alter Britebitch. Anat Ron. Daniel Carlos Wegman. Rachel Gavish. David Gavish. Alexai Kotman. Dvora Fridman. All Israeli. All dead. All mourned.

Who are these people? They are 10 of the 689 Israeli victims felled by senseless acts of terrorism since the new Intifada began in 2000. And, they will, all 689 of the senselessly slain, be remembered for eternity with the creation of a living JNF forest.

Through the JNF 2003 Tu Bi'Shevat Telethon, the Ottawa Jewish community is privileged to be playing a central role in the establishment of the fitting memorial. This year, every tree purchased in the Sunday, January 26 Telethon, will be planted and take root in a forest to be known as Yad Le'Noflim, (Memorial to the Fallen).

JNF has designated Yad Le'Noflim Forest a project of Eastern Canada. Under the aegis of JNF, the Ottawa Jewish community, in concert with the Montreal and Maritimes Jewish Communities, will be the proud sponsors of this living memorial to the tragically murdered victims of suicide bombings.

Marcia Cantor

Israel Gencher

"We in Ottawa are being given a unique opportunity to make a very meaningful contribution to our beloved State of Israel," says Telethon Co-Chair Marcia Cantor. "Yad Le'Noflim Forest will stand as a living testament to the innocent martyrs of this terrible time in Israel's history."

Telethon Co-Chair Israel (Srul) Gencher adds, "Yad Le'Noflim Forest will be planted in the Har Hatzofim Forest, the Mount Scopus Forest overlooking Jerusalem and the Judean Mountains. This very beautiful site was carefully chosen by Keren Kayemeth L'Israel/Jewish National Fund as the most appropriate for a memorial of this magnitude."

The co-chairs are putting the final touches on plans to reach every single home in the Ottawa Jewish Community through the annual citywide telephone blitz. Trees are $18 each, and can be purchased in honour or in memory of a special person. An attractive card is sent to the recipient.

The pair has been arranging for an army of volunteers to take two hour stints at the telephones between 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and for runners to pick up and deliver the pledges to command central. This year, once again, The Regional Group is handing over its 200 Catherine Street offices to Ottawa JNF for the mammoth undertaking. Volunteers will be plied with food and drink to keep them sated and alert.

"We know Ottawa will come through magnificently," says Mr. Gencher. "When it comes to a worthy JNF cause, Ottawa Jewry always stands up to be counted."

Marcia Cantor agrees. "For Tomer and Rachel and Freida and Alter... for all 689 Israelis who were murdered for no reason, no reason at all, Ottawa will do its fair share in purchasing the trees that will make up the Yad Le'Noflim Forest."

Anyone wishing to make a purchase in advance of the Telethon, or to volunteer, may call the JNF office (798-2411).

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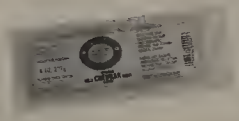

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The Forgotten Exodus: Jews forced to flee Arab countries

By Ron Singer

A day-long conference "Jews from Arab Lands: A Forgotten Exodus" held at the Montreal Jewish Community Campus, directed public attention to the untold story of the nearly one million Jews forced to flee their homes in Arab countries and their ancient communities around the time of Israel's 1948 War of Independence.

The event, organized by CJC, in association with World Jewish Congress, sold out to an over-capacity crowd of more than 400 people. Conference participants benefited from a series of presentations by experts in human rights and international law from Canada, the United States, France, Israel and Mexico.

Conference speakers included: Dr. Avi Beker, secretary general of the World Jewish Congress; Irwin Cotler, MP for Mount Royal; Maître William Goldnadel, president of the Paris-based Association of Notaries Without Borders; Carole Basri, executive director, Greater New York Chapter of the American Corporate Counsel Association and representative of the World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries; Jean-Claude Niddam, head of legal assistance department, Israel Ministry of Justice and Naïm Kattan, noted Iraqi-born Canadian author and associate professor of literature at UQÀM.

Eyewitness testimonies provided harrowing accounts of murder, torture, abductions, pogroms and intimidation which forced individuals and their families to flee.

In some of these countries, thriving Jewish communities had existed for over 2500 years, and were home to tens of thousands of Jews. Most of these communities today are either completely extinguished or have been reduced to a remnant of fewer than 100 Jews.

"The plight of the Jews forced from their homes in Arab countries must be included in the historical narrative of the Middle East conflict," noted Keith Landy, CJC national president. "Any future peace plan must address, as a matter of international law and morality, the material losses of Jewish individual and communal property. UN Resolution 242 calls for 'a just settlement of the refugee problem.' It makes no distinction between Arab refugees and former Jewish refugees, the majority having been resettled in Israel."

Dr. Avi Beker

Carole Basri

A newly formed coalition, "Justice for Jews from Arab Countries," backed by the World Jewish Congress and several other major American Jewish organizations, has initiated a worldwide effort to document the losses of Jews forced from Arab lands.

Canadian Jewish Congress will represent Canada in this campaign. Documentation forms will soon be accessible through the CJC website. Serving as honorary chairman of the coalition is Richard Holbrooke, former U.S. ambassador to the U.N. Canadian Member of Parliament and one-time president of CJC, Irwin Cotler, also sits on the board.

For more information on this conference and developments on this important issue, please check the CJC website at *http://www.cjc.ca/template.php?Language=EN&action=issues&Type=9.*

CJC has videos of the conference available for sale. It is a two-video set for $19.95.

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Tu Bi'Shevat Telethon, Sunday, January 26

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During January, Marcia Cantor and Israel (Srul) Oencher have their work cut out for them: the duo, dedicated supporters of JNF, are co-chairing the 2003 Tu Bi'Shevat Telethon. The annual city-wide telephone blitz is scheduled to take place on Sunday, January 26, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. from the head offices of The Regional Group, 200 Catherine Street.

Trees can be purchased at $18 each. All trees purchased in the 2003 effort will be planted and take root in Yad Le'Noflim (Memorial to the Fallen) Forest. In this case, the fallen are the 689 men, women and children, all innocent victims of terrorism since the inception of the new Intifada in 2000. The success of Yad Le'Noflim, an Eastern Canada project, is depending on the generosity of the Ottawa, Montreal and Maritime Jewish Communities.

Marcia and Srul are gratified that many of JNF Ottawa's dependable army of callers – those shining stalwarts who take time from their personal lives to man the phones for a two-hour stint each year – once again have stepped forward to lend their time and energy to the worthy cause. However, there is always plenty of room for any and all who would like to pitch in and participate in reaching the extended Ottawa Jewish Community. To volunteer, call Ketty Samel at the JNF office, or contact Marcia or Srul. Anyone not reached during the Tu Bi'Shevat Telethon is invited to call the JNF office to purchase trees. Remember, you can use your purchase to honour or remember someone important to you. Credit cards are welcome as payment.

Two become B'nai Mitzvah

Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to **Eitan Maoz** and **Zachary Pleet**, two young men who became B'nai Mitzvah recently. The proud parents of each youngster chose to add a meaningful dimension to the milestone by inscribing their son's name in the Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Each celebrant was presented with a beautiful certificate following his call to the Torah.

Golden Book inscriptions

Jonathan Daniel Sherman has been inscribed in the Golden Book of the JewishNational Fund on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah by his family Randi, Ian, Matthew and Adam.

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Torah Academy gets a new home

By Shlomo Glickman

It's one small step for the Jewish community, one giant leap for Torah Academy of Ottawa.

At the beginning of January, the school moved from the basement of Temple Israel into a building of its own. The new, 22,000 square foot building, at 1119 Lazard St. near Woodroffe Avenue and Baseline Road, was purchased from the Catholic school board, where it formerly housed St. Andrews Adult School.

Torah Academy of Ottawa's new home is located near Woodroffe and Baseline.

Because the building, which Torah Academy has renovated, has more space than the school requires, there is room for office space for a Jewish agency – making the building a new centre of Jewish activity in the city.

"I don't think this is a necessity only for our school," said Dr. Harry Prizant, a member of the school's board. "I think it's a need for the whole community."

By increasing the city's Jewish infrastructure, the Orthodox day school, with students from nursery to grade 8, becomes an addition to more than just the Orthodox community.

"It just adds more credibility to the (Ottawa) Jewish community at large," Dr. Prizant said.

In fact, the relationship between the Orthodox school and its host until now, Temple Israel, has been a great example of how well different parts of the Jewish community have worked together, according to Leah Scarowski, who chairs the school's board.

"There's a feeling out there that Orthodox and Reform don't get along," Mrs. Scarowski said. "But on so many occasions they were so generous to us. Temple Israel have been the nicest landlords. The temple bent over backwards for us."

After five years in operation, Torah Academy was outgrowing its space in Temple Israel's, Prince of Wales Drive building and needed its own space to flourish. The school now has around 70 students and continues to expand.

And as much as the Temple accommodated the school, the situation was make-shift. Now, Mrs. Scarowski said, "It's a real school."

"It's a major milestone," said Rabbi Zischa Shaps, who is in charge of development for the school.

In searching for a building, Mrs. Scarowski said, the school was open to looking at locations in both the east and west parts of the city but settled on the west-end site because it was by far the best-suited of the buildings the Catholic board was offering for sale.

Torah Academy's new neighbours have responded positively when the school bought the building, Mrs. Scarowski said.

"The neighbours were thrilled," she said. "They thought an evil developer would buy it."

The new bricks and mortar, she added, will allow Torah Academy to focus on the kind of development that really matters.

"It really isn't a building that makes a school," she said.

What makes the school, she said, is its mission of providing excellent Judaic and secular education, framed by Torah values. The school's principal, Rabbi Mordechai Fried, inspires the students to that end, Mrs. Scarowski said.

"His whole outlook is about teaching respect," she said.

And it shows, even at recess, she said, when the students are at play.

"In the hockey game you see grade eight kids playing with grade two kids," she said. "You don't usually see that kind of cross-grade activity in other schools."

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VAAD Report

L. Gerald Levitz
President

Show your support by participating in family or community missions to Israel

My family and I spent a week in Cuba over the winter vacation and while there we visited the Jewish Community Centre in Havana, which is connected to a synagogue. When our family walked into the Centre, we were struck by the sign that greeted us at the entrance urging Cuban Jews to financially support Israel during this time of crisis. Despite their own personal challenges and hardships, the Jews of Cuba recognize the need to stand together with Israel and to help maintain a strong Jewish state. They know, as we do, that the Jewish people need Israel and that Israel needs world Jewry more than ever.

Our community has reached out to support Israel in many ways, including generous support for Israel from our regular campaign and through the Israel Relief Fund that has been set up by UJA Ottawa. But while sending money is important, it is not enough. We also have a responsibility to visit Israel and deliver our messages of support directly to the people of Israel.

The terrorist campaign against Israel has decimated the tourism industry. The negative economic impact is great and Israelis are feeling isolated. As committed Jews, we can do our part to alleviate Israel's economic and psychological suffering by going, shopping, visiting and comforting. As those who have made the trip over the past two years can attest to, tourists have never been as publicly welcomed in Israel as they are now. It is truly heartwarming to see the tremendous thanks from Israelis who are reminded by our presence that they are not alone.

Our community is planning two missions to Israel this spring. First, a family mission chaired by Shelley and Steven Kimmel, from March 5 to 14. The family mission program will be designed so parents can travel to Israel along with their children to learn about the country and have a meaningful Jewish experience together. It is especially appropriate for children who are bar or bat-mitzvah age. A community mission chaired by Arnie Vered, Robert Greenberg and Bonnie Merovitz takes place from May 4 to 11. The mission will be in Israel over Yom Ha'atzmaut and Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Independence and Remembrance days.

Our goal is to send a large contingent of Ottawans on the community mission. All of the community pulpit rabbis have endorsed the mission and most of them are planning to attend. It is hoped that people from all different constituencies in our community will gather together in Israel and send a unified message of support. We are one Jewish community in Ottawa and we have an opportunity to demonstrate in Israel that we are one Jewish people.

I assure you that by travelling with the community or family mission, you will be experiencing a great Jewish moment that will make you proud. Please give serious consideration to participating. For more information call the UJA office (798-4696 ext. 250) or visit our website at *www.jewishottawa.org*.

P.S. To enable us to increase our support for local needs, as well as meeting our obligations to Israel, please make your 2003 UJA pledge today, and consider paying this pledge and any prior unpaid pledges as soon as possible.

Join the Kimmel family as they lead a family mission to Israel March 5 to 14. Details on page 8.

How I see it

Bob Dale

Where is the solidarity and support from our Jewish parliamentarians?

When David Ahenakew made his vulgar comments about Jews, native leaders from across the country moved quickly to apologize to Jewish Canadians. Assembly of First Nations National Chief Matthew Coon Come even attended Shabbat services at Montreal's Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, where he strongly condemned Ahenakew's "terrible expression of hatred and injustice against the Jewish people." I, for one, was both impressed and moved by this public display of solidarity and support from Canada's First Nations, as well as the speed with which they acted.

If only other prominent Canadians were inclined to show solidarity and support for Jews, especially in these troubling times, when open displays of anti-Semitism (often under the guise of criticising Israel) have come back into fashion. If only those prominent Canadians could include Jewish members of the House of Commons and Senate. Why, I have wondered, have our Jewish politicians been so reluctant to show public support for Jewish concerns, when non-Jews like Stockwell Day (in the House of Commons) and David Tkachuk (in the Senate) have had no such qualms? Why, I have wondered, were our Jewish parliamentarians so conspicuously silent while the debate about listing Hezbollah as a terrorist organization took place; when Magen David Adom lost its charitable status; when synagogues and other Jewish institutions in Canada were vandalized; and when Hillel was banned from the Concordia University campus?

Why, I have wondered, can't our Jewish parliamentarians be more like Senator Joseph Lieberman, a possible US presidential candidate in 2004? Senator Lieberman apparently finds no contradiction between carrying out his congressional duties while making statements that unequivocally equate terror attacks against Israel with world terrorism. Why, in contrast to Lieberman, do our Jewish parliamentarians remain so close-mouthed? Are they afraid of what the *goyim* (a word I hate, and usually don't use) might say if they demonstrated support and concern for their own community? Are they afraid of losing some of their parliamentary privileges, or chances at a cabinet appointment?

Or do they just not care?

As Jewish Canadians, we all need to care. We all need to speak out, individually and collectively, whenever and wherever we can. The situation, in my view, has disturbing similarities to the one that existed during the 1930s and 1940s, when Jew-hatred was a way of life, and led, among other things, to anti-Semitic riots in Toronto's Christie Pitts and the "none is too many" immigration policies of the Mackenzie King government. A key difference is that in today's Canada, there are Jewish politicians who are in a position within their political parties and elsewhere to speak out forcefully about anti-Semitism and other issues that concern Jewish Canadians.

I know that Canada's Jewish politicians weren't necessarily elected or appointed to their positions because they were Jews. Nevertheless, I think they have a responsibility to support Jewish causes in the corridors of Parliament, in provincial legislatures, and in city councils, the way Joseph Lieberman and other Jewish politicians (and many non-Jewish ones) do in the United States. As a start, here are several issues I think they should be speaking out about:

- The extremely troublesome situation facing Jewish students on university campuses across the country; and the need to enact and enforce laws and campus policies that stop Jewish students and their organizations from being harassed, as they try to participate in normal university life.

- The need for a full review of Foreign Affairs Canada's "balanced" approach to the Middle East, one that seems blind to the stated desire of Islamic extremists and many others to eliminate Israel and Jews in other countries; and bends over backwards to draw a moral equivalency between terrorism against Israeli civilians and legitimate steps by Israel to protect its citizens from terrorist attacks.

- The need for Canada to cease its contribution to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNWRA), until there is a detailed response to convincing allegations that our tax dollars are being used to help fund children's schoolbooks that teach hate against Jews and Israel.

- An explanation of why our publicly funded broadcaster, the CBC, routinely takes an anti-Israel stance in it's reporting, and why it refuses to label people who murder Israeli civilians as "terrorists."

Surely Canada's Jewish politicians, like other Jews, must be worried about issues like these. Unlike many of us, they have public positions that allow them to speak out and be heard. Given that, I wonder – just what are they waiting for?

Editor

Barry Fishman

Ministry of Health: Penny wise, pound foolish

When they first entered the cardiac rehabilitation pilot project at the SJCC, many of the participants were depressed and thought that they were incapable of living a normal life. They were wrong. Thanks to Medical Director Dr. Ron Vexler and his caring staff, by the end of the program most of the patients were upbeat, positive and thankful. Perhaps most importantly, they realized that by exercising, dealing with stress and eating properly, they could drastically improve their health.

They loved coming to the SJCC because – and this is important from a psychological point – it was a non-hospital, friendly setting that offered free parking and made them feel welcomed as members, not patients. Many of them even joined the SJCC and continued exercising after graduating from the program.

By all indications it was an excellent, innovative program in which over 135 patients showed significant improvement in their health over a 14-month period. In fact, it was so successful that the government decided to continue the pilot program. The Ottawa Heart Institute, which oversaw the project locally, lent the SJCC the money to continue while the Centre nervously waited for the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care's (MOHLTC) promised one-time interim financing.

The final decision on continuing the Ontario-wide cardiac rehabilitation program will be based on the data collected by the Cardiac Care Network and will be announced in March 2003. So far, things look promising.

Unfortunately, it won't matter much to the SJCC. When it finally received its interim funding, six months late – surprise – the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) decided to provide only 67 per cent of the required dollars as determined by the pilot project. Instead of the $1,500 per patient expected only $1,000 were received. The centre had no choice but to close the Cardiac Rehabilitation program at the end of December.

Hospitals like the Ottawa Heart Institute are used to running a deficit, moving their staff around or finding money from other programs to cover shortfalls in funding. Community centres are not. Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Minister Tony Clement and his staff should realize that community centres are not in the business of underwriting a provincial responsibility, nor are they a public institution. To put it mildly, it is not fair to expect a community centre like the SJCC to take money from other programs to help fund a cardiac rehabilitation program. It already donates gym space (which it sometimes rents out), does not charge for heat or light and provides staff to help in registration and to ensure the participants feel comfortable when they are at the SJCC.

Dr. Vexler believes that programs like the cardiac rehabilitation pilot project reduce the cost of health care because "people take control of their health." And that is the key. By making programs like cardiac rehabilitation more readily available in a non-hospital setting, waiting lists and costs are reduced and fewer people need scarce hospital beds. If the Ministry is going to deliver health care using this different model, its mind-set must change. Community centres and other non-medical institutions do not have the resources to run a deficit or to find out too late that the funding formula has been changed in mid-stream.

The staff poured its heart and soul into making this project one of the best in Ontario. If the Ministry decides sometime this spring to properly fund and implement the cardiac rehabilitation project on an ongoing basis, chances are the SJCC will be one of the sites chosen. What a shame that the dedicated professional staff will no longer be available. Instead, more time and money will be wasted finding new staff and setting up the program again.

The patients and staff of the SJCC Cardiac Rehabilitation Project deserve better. Shame on the Ontario government for being so short-sighted by not properly funding the program. After all, it costs a lot less to try to keep people healthy than to have them spend weeks in a hospital recovering from a devastating heart attack.

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As you are probably aware, Donna Karlin's last *Saup ta Nuts* column appeared last month. For the past 15 years, Donna has been tantalizing our taste buds with many imaginative and wonderful recipes. Unfortunately for many of her devoted fans (including me), after almost 300 columns Donna decided that it was time to hang up her spatula. On behalf of our readers, I thank Donna for her many years of fine work and wish her a hearty Yasher Koach on a job well done.

I would also like to introduce you to Cindy Feingold, our new cooking columnist. Cindy loves cooking so much she quit her job as a consumer product manager to return to school to study culinary management. She has been cooking ever since. As well as tempting you with mouth-watering recipes, Cindy plans to keep you updated on new products, cooking tools and cookbooks that will enhance your cooking experience. Her column, *Made with Love* appears on page 30.

Correction

In a recent article, *We make a commitment to Israel by visiting*, the author's name was misspelled. It should have read Edie Molot.

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From the pulpit

Rabbi Menachem M. Blum
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Fruit for thought

An important date this month in the Jewish calendar is *Tu Bi'Shevat* (the 15th day in the month of Shevat), the day that marks the beginning of a "New Year for Trees." We mark this day by eating fruit, particularly from the 'Seven Kinds' that are singled out by the Torah in its praise of the bounty of the Land of Israel: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. "Man is a tree of the field" (Deut. 20:19); on this day we reflect on the lessons we derive from our botanical analogue.

Every year this day brings back fond memories of my childhood, growing up in the Neuviéme Arrondissment of Paris, France. We would join our neighbour Mr. Gabai, an Algerian Jew, for his *Tu Bi'Shevat Seder*, where dozens of different types of fruits were featured from all over the world including, of course, the 'Seven Kinds.' He would display such joy and excitement in presenting each fruit with its story and background, especially the new fruit he would add to the list every single year. On the last year I attended his seder, Mr. Gabai served 87 different types of fruits!

Although wheat and barley, (both belonging to the grain family) are included in the 'Seven Kinds', nevertheless *Tu Bi'Shevat* being the 'New Year for Trees,' brings us a message that is specific to trees.

The difference between grain and trees is that grain is an element necessary for our survival and our life; the Torah views wheat as the mainstay of the human diet, while barley is mentioned as a typical animal food. A tree, however, bears fruits that are a luxury, typically used for our pleasure as appetizers or desserts. Another difference we find is in the way each grows. While wheat and barley come from a previously edible quantity of grain, a fruit tree grows from an inedible pit, so that the difference between the pit and the final fruit is of much greater qualitative significance – it is truly something new.

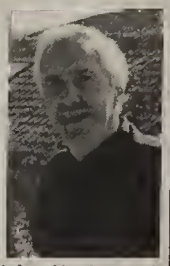
In our own little spiritual world, grains represent the element that is necessary for us to connect with God through Torah and Mitzvot. Fruits – appetizers and desserts on our spiritual menu – add flavour and zest to our basic endeavour of developing our relationship with God. Mitzvot must not be performed routinely and coldly, from force of habit. We must be involved so totally in our practices that our observance of them is pure pleasure. We put extra effort into developing this connection –we are especially enthusiastic, we take extra pleasure and more joy in the celebration of Judaism, similar to that of Mr. Gabai's delight as he brought out yet another exotic fruit. This is what helps us grow by leaps and bounds both in quantity and quality to become better people and connect with the Almighty. In view of the fact that we are trees, *Tu Bi'Shevat* brings a feeling of revitalization, renewing our joy, and enthusiasm in Jewish practices.

As we celebrate the fruits of Israel, we pray for its safety and security, we pray for a time when peace and harmony will reign in the land as described in the times of Solomon, "a man under his vine and his fig tree" feasting on its delightful and delectable fruits.

They Made a Difference

René Charron

By David Aaron



A good teacher has the ability to make students comprehend difficult subjects with relative ease; a great teacher does this while also exemplifying qualities that his or her students wish to emulate and aspire to. For me, René Charron, belonged in this second category, and the shock and sadness that I felt upon learning that he had passed away on November 8 reinforced just how much of an impression Mr. Charron made on me.

René Charron came to Hillel Academy in 1989, with a wealth of experience and expertise built over 35 years in the teaching profession. Having retired as head of the French department at Lisgar Collegiate in 1989, where a student award bearing his name commemorates his 29 years of dedication there, Mr. Charron quickly realized that a passion for teaching is not easily suppressed. For a man who had devoted his professional life to teaching the language and the students that he cared for, retirement was not easy to embrace. Looking for a new challenge, Mr. Charron arrived at Hillel ready to apply his knowledge and dedication in a new environment.

As vice-principal, Mr. Charron demonstrated a clear dedication to the continued success of Hillel Academy, as well as to the lives of its students and staff, and to the parents who entrusted him with their children's education. He conducted his classes as he conducted the rest of his professional life, with dignity and a degree of professionalism that demanded respect. As his children recall, their father believed deeply in the importance and value of education. There was never any question that each of his five children would make formal education a central focus of their young lives, and he brought this same outlook to his own classroom.

Mr. Charron held himself to the same high standards that he expected from others. It is hard to recall Mr. Charron ever being late in the morning or leaving early in the afternoon, let alone missing a day of class. While he was never content with a sub-par effort on the part of his students, he always managed to convey his appreciation and respect for their hard work. I recall wanting to succeed because I felt that Mr. Charron expected me to. In fact, I came to believe that he was rooting for my success, and I did not want to disappoint him. He had the unique ability to make me feel special in a full class of students, and I was always under the impression that he was closely monitoring my progress. It speaks to Mr. Charron's professionalism that, regardless of whatever else may have occupied his time, his dedication to his students and colleagues, and the value he placed on their success and well-being, was unyielding.

Mr. Charron's children recall his admiration for the high quality of staff and students at Hillel Academy, as well as his expressions of fondness for all those he encountered during his seven years at the school. Whether it is his colleagues who recall Mr. Charron's selflessness and dedication, or students such as myself who were lucky enough to have benefited from his guidance and the example he set, I hope he was aware that the feelings of deep affection, respect and admiration were most certainly mutual. Merci Monsieur, nous remercions.

MAILBAG

Provincial funding for day schools under threat

In his article of December 9, Bob Dale correctly points out that the Liberal party of Canada has failed to live up to the expectations of the Jewish community in terms of support for Israel. His advice to investigate the views of the candidates and parties prior to voting is most sound.

This logic extends to the provincial realm as well. Israel related issues are not all that prominent in provincial politics; however the vital issue of the funding of our Jewish day schools certainly is. After decades of lobbying by the Jewish and other affected communities, and after pressure from a declaration by the United Nations Human Rights Commission that found Ontario's educational funding policy to be discriminatory, the Progressive Conservative government has finally taken steps to remedy the situation in the form of the Equality in Education Tax Credit. This remedy is a significant step towards addressing the inequitable funding of religious schools in Ontario, where the Catholics receive 100 percent and other religions receive nothing.

It is important to note that both the Liberal Party as well as the NDP party vociferously opposes this extension of funding to private schools. In fact, the leader of the Liberal Party, Dalton McGuinty (incidentally, also the MPP of Ottawa South) rails against this tax credit at every opportunity, and has repeatedly threatened to rescind if he were to be elected premier.

Now that we have finally made some real progress in the realm of educational funding, the Jewish community of Ontario must take steps to ensure that this funding continues, and expands year by year as planned. In the next provincial election, I suggest that the Jewish community make the issue of funding of our schools a prominent factor in deciding which party to support. We owe it to our children, and the future viability of the Ontario Jewish community.

Jerrold Landau

Camp spots needed for Israeli children

I read your front-page article "Alex's Bar Mitzvah: finding strength and hope for the future" and I was particularly interested in the part about Alex's summer at Camp Gesher.

I would like to bring to your attention that for the past 18 years a group of concerned people have been arranging for 90 to 120 children of Bar and Bat Mitzvah age to experience camp life in Canada and to tour Montreal, Ottawa, the Thousand Islands and Toronto. These children have been brought in from Israel by a group called I.V.O.W.– Israel Victims of War. Many of the children attended Camp B'nai Brith of Ottawa and Montreal and the 'Y' Country Camp of Montreal. The trip is a gift to children who have been orphaned due to military battles.

This group is not new to Ottawa. I am happy to say that a group of concerned Ottawans have toured with this group and a larger group have donated not only dollars, but also time and gifts so the children will remember their stay in Canada.

The need for more camp spots is greater than ever. Unfortunately, as of today there are 195 children that would like to make the trip to Canada. Camp spots are all we need. The other arrangements have all been locked after. If any Jewish camps in the area are willing to lend a hand, please contact us (613-749-4393 or *tannerl@attcanada.ca*).

Stephen Tanner,
I.V.O.W. Ottawa representative

CBS Bone Marrow Registry saves lives

I am writing on a public service matter where the Jewish community can be of special help. I have good friends in Toronto who have a nine-year-old son named Aaron. Aaron was born with a rare inherited condition known as Fanconi Anemia. Like other boys his age, he goes to school, plays with his friends and enjoys video games. However, he has had to overcome tremendous physical challenges, such as being born without thumbs. Although he has conquered most effects of his condition, the most serious is the deterioration of his bone marrow's ability to manufacture blood cells. Aaron will need a bone marrow transplant in February 2003 to survive. Matching bone marrow is much more complicated that matching blood type; the odds of a match in any two unrelated people are very low. Aaron's immediate family unfortunately does not provide anyone who is a suitable match, and the closest match in the bone marrow registry is not perfect, which will make the procedure extremely risky.

I urge the *Bulletin's* readers to join the Canadian Blood Services Bone Marrow Registry without delay. This simple act can save a life. It initially involves only answering a questionnaire and having a quick blood test. Donors do not actually give bone marrow unless a match is found and a donation is required. People are generally a better match for others of the same genetic background. Aaron is Ashkenazi, but people of all backgrounds should join the registry with an intention to help whomever might be a match. There are many other conditions besides Fanconi Anemia for which bone marrow transplantation is lifesaving.

Readers can go to the Canadian Blood Service's web site and find information on registering for bone marrow donation at this web address: *http://www.bloodservices.ca/CentreApps/Internet/UW_V502_MainEngine.nsf/web/84CB4A4EA82BF3B285256ABD00745A9A?OpenDocument*

People can also learn more about Fanconi Anemia at: *www.fanconicanada.org*.

Finally, dear readers, please include Aaron in your congregation's mi-she-berach prayers for the ill this Shabbat. His full Hebrew name is Aharon Shaul Ya'akov ben Aryeh v' Hannah.

Howard Sandler

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The Equity in Education Tax Credit is here – will it stay?

OPINION

By Aaron Blumenfeld and Ira Walfish

If you were to go to a hospital for treatment, only to be told that, as a Jew, you needed to pay, unlike atheists or Catholics who are treated for free, would you accept that? If not, why are we willing to accept 2nd class status in the funding of Jewish education?

The public funding of education in Ontario has until recently compelled Jews and other non-Catholics to pay taxes which fund the public and Catholic school systems, and pay again to send our children to Jewish schools in accordance with our conscience. Is there any other example in any Western democracy where religion is used as a criterion for public funding of any kind?

For decades the Jewish community, together with other groups, fought for fairness in educational funding. A member of our community, Arieh Waldman, took Canada/Ontario to the United Nations Human Rights Committee, which concluded, over Canada's opposition, that Ontario's school funding policy was discriminatory and had to be changed. Over the last several years, there were rallies, public awareness campaigns and efforts to persuade politicians to give parents of all faiths financial assistance in the education of their children. The many faith communities joined together in this unprecedented movement.

The Ontario government heard our collective voice and in 2001 introduced the Equity in Education Tax Credit (EETC) to help fund education for *all* children in Ontario. The tax credit amounts to 10 percent of tuition or up to $700 per child in 2002, which is to increase to 50 percent of tuition or up to $3,500 per child by 2007, while preserving the existing charitable credit which applies to a portion of tuition. Parents can receive their EETC simply by filing a form with their 2002 tax returns.

Once fully implemented, the EETC could bring approximately $30 million in new funding for Jewish education. On a personal level, a tuition of $8,000 per child could cost you approximately $2,800 once the value of the charitable credit and EETC are fully included. Consider how much more affordable and accessible a Jewish education will be for our many hard-working parents. More money in the system will also result in improvements to the quality of the education our children receive.

We should be grateful to the government for courageously doing the right thing in implementing the EETC while facing strong criticism. For example, opponents have suggested that such funding would collapse the public school system, even though this assertion has no basis in reality, as evidenced by the experience in B.C., Alberta and Quebec. Our entitlement to modest funding for the four percent of Ontario's children in independent schools will cost the government less than 0.1 percent of its budget this year, hardly an amount which would strain funding for the public and Catholic schools, as claimed by some critics. The EETC is meant to bring equity and not to reduce funding for public schools.

We cannot, however, take the EETC for granted. In this year's budget, the government froze the EETC at 10 percent of tuition in 2003, the same level as in 2002, which was a significant disappointment. While some politicians support restoring the originally promised 20 percent funding level in 2003, others openly declare their desire to eliminate the EETC. We should monitor this issue in the media and take action by writing letters to the editor and publicizing the justice of this cause.

To coordinate the community's efforts, in a true display of "achdus" (unity), all of Ontario's Jewish day schools and the major community groups united to form the Ontario Association of Jewish Day Schools (OAJDS), a volunteer organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing government funding for religious education.

We need your help! Volunteers are needed to mobilize our community in support of the EETC at a vulnerable point in its brief history. The only time that politicians listen is when we stand united on an issue that is truly important for us. Please e-mail *oajds@canada.com* or call (416) 636-1647 to find out how you can help.

The writers are co-presidents of the Ontario Association of Jewish Day Schools.

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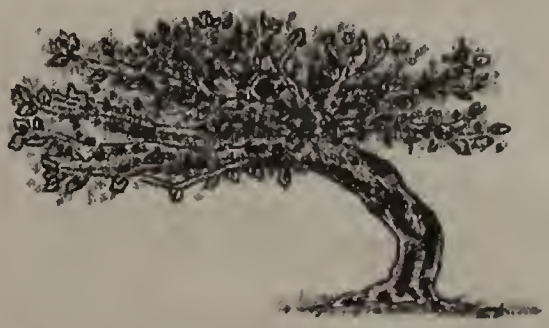

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CJC supports Hillel students: intervenes in Concordia case

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) will seek intervener status in the civil action filed by Concordia Hillel students against the university's student union.

This is part of the CJC action plan initiated to assist the students in their battle to have Hillel's club status unconditionally reinstated.

As a further step, CJC is establishing a legal assistance fund and will be soliciting donations.

The organization is also opening its doors to Hillel, providing office space in the premises it retains in Samuel Bronfman House, situated near Concordia's main building, and is coordinating an international effort through its affiliation with the World Jewish Congress and the World Union of Jewish Students.

"Canadian Jewish Congress will not stand idly by as Jewish students are persecuted and their organizations disenfranchised," stresses Keith Landy, CJC national president.

"We admire the courage, strength and resolve of the Jewish student leaders at Concordia. They are doing an outstanding job of defending the rights of Jewish students under extremely difficult circumstances," says Landy.

"Our involvement is intended to be a tangible demonstration of national community and organizational support for their actions. This builds on the good work that CJC Quebec Region has been doing with Hillel."

Jack Silverstone, CJC executive vice-president and general legal counsel adds, "The ramifications of the Concordia Students' Union decision transcend this particular university. It is an assault on the human rights of our entire community."

Mr. Silverstone says that CJC's intervention is on behalf of the Jewish community of Canada and notes that the organization has intervened in this representative capacity in numerous cases before the courts in the past.

To help defray the legal costs for Hillel's legal action against the Concordia Students' Union, Canadian Jewish Congress has established a legal assistance fund.

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Roman Polanski's *The Pianist*: a film not to be missed

By Tammy Stone

Roman Polanski's exquisite new film comes at an important juncture, although he cannot have known this when he began production on the film. At a time when we're so caught up with a world in crisis – the Middle East conflict, the war on terror – *The Pianist* is a startling reminder that the Holocaust has yet to teach humanity the lessons it badly needs to learn.

Polanski, of Polish-Jewish descent, is not the first to perform a personal excavation of his roots for artistic material. Spielberg felt the same tug when he made *Schindler's List*, the most powerful, if melodramatic, Holocaust drama to emerge in years – until now. Polanski's film is based on the memoirs of Wladyslaw Szpilman, a well-known radio pianist living in the heart of Warsaw when anti-Semitism transformed from serious problem to horrific atrocity. Beginning in 1939, *The Pianist* is simultaneously the unfolding story of the war as it progressed in Poland, and the incredible journey of one man as he managed to evade death under impossible circumstances.

The greatest triumph of this film is that it does not come off as a clichéd document of Holocaust tribulations or over-sentimentalized account of an unthinkable past. In other words, Polanski never cheats or abuses the inherently powerful material he's working with to get the viewer to feel sad, shocked or betrayed.

The first part of the film introduces us to Szpilman, a talented musician who counts non-Jews as his close friends and enjoys life as only a confident person can. His family, confronted with increasingly harsh limitations of its freedom as Polish citizenry, continues to believe things can't get worse, until they do, and all Warsaw Jews have to move into a ghetto.

From here, the well-known tragedies begin, and the depiction of the banal – the clinical and perversely democratic – nature of evil reflect the director's inclination toward matter-of-fact-ness over insinuation. While this is Szpilman's story, it is ultimately Polanski's film, and the masterful director draws on one minor incident from the ghetto life for his inspiration. Wladyslaw and his brother Henryk Szpilman have resorted to selling books printed in the ghetto to make ends meet. In one scene, Henryk asks Wladyslaw if he's sold anything. One book, Wladyslaw replies, Dostoyevsky's *The Idiot*.

Like the famed title character of that novel, Wladyslaw becomes, under Polanski's direction, a sort of everyman: a humbled, ghostlike and stoic character who, seen against the surreal backdrop of war, acts as the viewer's eyes and ears to the storm in his midst. In his clever, desperate and finally, primal and animalistic efforts to stay alive, he becomes the vessel for our renewed experience of this war: from a hiding place, he (and we) witnesses the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising; in 1944, from another hiding place across from a Nazi soldier hospital, he watches the Russians bomb the building as they begin their impending victory over the Nazis.

Despite Szpilman's role of everyman, this is also very much his story – Adrien Brody's astonishing and award-winning performance allows us a window on sheer horror as it affects emotionally, psychologically and physically.

And of course, where dialogue and imagery fail to ignite emotion, music always fills in the gaps – Szpilman's music (Chopin's a favourite), fills the movie theater with expressions of the agony of being human in inhuman times, of the potential for humanity's victory despite the depravities that will never be erased.

If today is the cinematic age of the sequel, remake and prequel, then in a strange way, *The Pianist* is the prologue to Polanski's work. In light of the way he so gently yet paradoxically, brutally depicts the war one unrelenting scene at a time, his earlier films come into sharper focus. It is now conceivable that a master with *The Pianist* in him could be responsible for the psychological horror of a *Rosemary's Baby* (1968), or the enigmatic and bottomless gloom of a *Chinatown* (1974).

Above all, this film resonates because despite the seemingly miraculous nature of Szpilman's survival, we all understand how real it was: for many of us of Eastern European descent, our very existence is the direct result of just such miracles, such impossible tales of survival that have less to do with heroics and more to do with cold, hard necessity. So it is for Polanski, who himself barely escaped the Krakow ghetto in his youth. This grueling, draining and utterly beautiful film cannot be missed.

The Pianist opens January 24 at the Bytowne theatre.

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(Left to right): Ruth Coodin, Rabbi Y. Botnick, Rabbi M. Cohen, Chaya Cohen, Prime Minister Jean Chretien, Yocheved Cohen, MP Marlene Catterall. (Photo: Serge Fournier)

Chaya visits the PM for some advice

Recently Chaya Cohen, a student in the ACHAI Special Ed Program at Rambam Maimonides School was faced with a difficult challenge. It so disturbed her that she had difficulty coming to school and facing her peers. Ruth Coodin, the coordinator of the Special Ed Program and Rabbi Y. Botnick, the principal of the school, put their heads together and came with a plan that seemed like a long shot. They knew that there was one man who could help Chaya, but they didn't know if he would be available. That one man was the right Honourable Jean Chretien, who as a child experienced the same challenges facing Chaya.

Mrs. Coodin drafted a letter and sent it off to the PM's office, not expecting to receive any response, The school was abuzz two weeks later when a letter arrived from the Prime Minister's office inviting Chaya to come and meet with him at the Parliament Buildings.

Needless to say, she accepted.

A month later, the auspicious day had arrived. Chaya, her parents Rabbi Mitchell and Yocheved Cohen, Mrs, Coodin and Rabbi Botnick went to meet with Mr. Chretien. It was a day that all in attendance will not soon forget. Mr. Chretian was jovial and gracious. He met briefly with all of the adults and then politely asked them to leave so that he could meet privately with Chaya. To this day, Chaya will not reveal what she and the Prima Minister spoke about. When the Prime Minister sent Chaya a signed photograph of their meeting, he wrote, " I will always remember our private time together."

Students learn the meaning of Tzedakah

Recently parents of Ottawa Talmud Torah Afternoon School Grade 3 students were treated to a wonderful and thought-provoking presentation on the Mitzvah of the Month – Tzedakah (Charity). In this presentation Morah Ilana's class prepared a song sung to the tune of Supercalifragilistic - illuminating the many virtues of giving Tzedakah for the sake of giving. With this song, the children tell that Tzedakah means more than just charity, as the word is derived from the Hebrew for righteous - Tzedek.

The Grade 3 class of Ottawa Talmud Torah Afternoon School collected winter items as part of their Mitzvah studies. Lawrence Grossman, representing the Soowalk Fund, came to visit the children and their teacher Morah Ilana to thank them for their donated items.

The students brainstormed the many meanings of the word Tzedakah and the many ways we can all participate in this Mitzvah. The children displayed an obvious understanding of this most important commandment as they covered the bases with words such as 'giving,' 'volunteering,' and 'helping others.'

Morah Ilana expertly proceeded to teach the children of the various sources in the Torah for giving Tzedakah and particularly brought out some of the agrarian customs and laws that the Jewish people have adhered to for centuries. These are the tithing a tenth of ones produce, leaving the corners of ones land un-harvested, and other acts of kindness towards the needy. The children proceeded then to discuss ways they could participate in the act of Tzedakah. Finally the students decorated their 'Tree of Mitzvahs' with index cards each inscribed with a personal act of giving. This ensures the students relate their classroom work to real life examples of how they can make a difference in the world.

This presentation was the first in a new Mitzvah of the Month program initiated this year by Ottawa Talmud Torah Afternoon School. Each month the class will select a new Mitzvah to learn and experience, culminating in a presentation to parents and invited guests.

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First annual Jewish Community Campus War Veterans parade a success

By Elly Bollegraaf

The very finely planned November 11, 2002, Ottawa Jewish War Veterans' Armistice Day gathering and parade was a huge success. Approximately 46 Ottawa Jewish War Veterans participated. No amount of cloud and rain could dampen the spirits of the hardy veterans, and the enthusiastic crowd which lined the Nadolny Sachs Private Road. As the proud veterans marched smartly from the front of Hillel Lodge, to the front of the Soloway JCC building, hand-clapping, and cheering, by the spectators, followed their every move. The formal ceremony included salutes, flag-raising, laying of wreaths, singing of anthems, the participation of the Hillel Academy students, the contemplative music of a piper and the sounding of the last-post by a trumpeter.

Following the Remembrance Day ceremony, a social gathering comprised of veterans in uniform, proud relatives, friends, school children, and dignitaries, took place in the SJCC Social Hall.

Gerald Levitz, VAAD president, expressed both in his official and in his personal capacity, his pride and gratitude and that of the community, for the heroism, dedication, and sacrifice of the Ottawa Jewish War Veterans during the Second World War.

For veteran Morris Konick, it was very meaningful "that the community would turn out in such large numbers to remember those in our group who could not be with us." Moe Cardash thought the event was " wonderful, it's just to bad it rained," and Al Shapiro said, "considering the type of weather, the people showing up in such large numbers gave us a clear understanding that the veterans played a very meaningful part in their lives."

The planned affixing of a plaque which was to be located in the flower bed in front of the Soloway JCC, will be delayed until May 11, 2003. At this event, the plaque and flower bed, will be dedicated to the Ottawa Jewish War Veterans who made the extreme sacrifice.

Already Paul Bender and members of the Jewish War Veterans Executive Committee are planning their annual Ottawa Jewish War Veterans Dinner, which is to take place at Agudath Israel Synagogue on May 29, 2003. This year's dinner will be particularly special because of the initiative taken by the Hillel Academy to "join forces" with the Ottawa Jewish War Veterans. Watch the *Bulletin* for further information about the dinner and other activities now in the planning stages.

Visit the newly created Jewish War Veterans Post of Ottawa's web page at: *www.jewishottawa.org*. Once having accessed this site, click successively on to Jewish Yellow Pages, Service Organizations and Ottawa Jewish Veterans.

Ottawa Jewish War veterans march past during the Remembrance Day ceremoney held at the SJCC.
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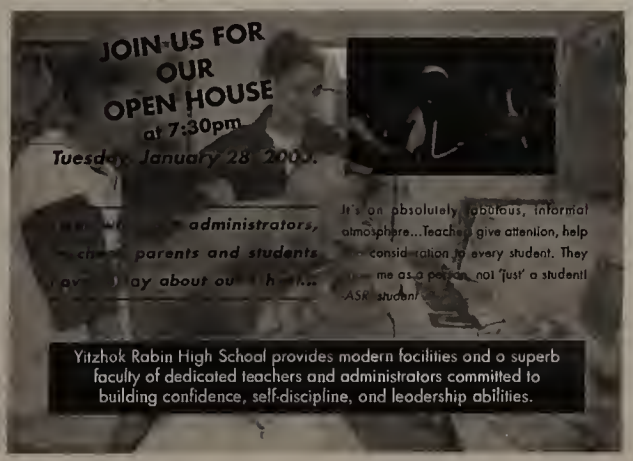

Schmelvis: Searching for the King's Jewish Roots

What happens when you throw a born-again, orthodox, Jewish Elvis impersonator together with an eccentric rabbi and an eclectic group of filmmakers for a world tour in a Winnebago?

Schmelvis: Searching for the King's Jewish Roots follows a bizarre odyssey to trace Elvis' roots, following up on a newspaper article exposing the King's improbable Jewish lineage.

The resulting offbeat feature documentary is an often hilarious comment on pop culture, tolerance and identity.

The makers of this internationally acclaimed documentary film were inspired by a 1998 article in the *Wall Street Journal*, which revealed that Elvis's maternal great-great-grandmother, Nancy Burdine Tackett, was Jewish.

According to Jewish law, that made Elvis a Jew.

The film crew set out on an often hilarious, sometimes painful journey from Graceland to the Holy Land in the company of Elvis impersonator Dan Hartal.

The journey takes them from Hartal's performances at senior citizens' homes in Montreal – where he performs under the stage name "Schmelvis" – all the way to Memphis and Elvis's Graceland home to say *kaddish* (the Jewish prayer for the dead), and then on to Israel to plant a tree in the King's memory.

The new singles group Futures and the Greenberg Families Library will be presenting the premiere of *Schmelvis: Searching for the King's Roots* Monday, January 27, 2003, 7:30 pm at the SJCC. Tickets are $10 in advance or $12 at the door.

For tickets and information, contact Tawn Friedman (722-2225, ext 401).

Dan Hartal, aka Schmelvis, will perform on January 27.

Tribute evening for Herb Gray Thursday, Feb. 6

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ing the Pearson years.

According to Gray, under Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, Canada's relationship with Israel has been strengthened by the Canada Israel Free Trade Agreement, the commitment for permanent funding for the Canada Israel Industrial Research and development Foundation (CIIRDF) and exchanges between the two Supreme Courts. He says, "The Israeli government itself looks upon Canada as a friend, while at the same time Canada maintains constructive links with other countries in the region."

Since leaving politics, Gray has received a number of tributes including the rare privilege of being "called to the bar" of the House of Commons to address his former colleagues. He has been honoured by both the City and the University of Windsor and at the Ontario Liberal Convention. He spoke at the Canada Israel Parliamentary dinner, and a special kiddish was held at the shul he attends, Machzikei Hadas Congregation.

He is looking forward to, and is very appreciative of, the tribute and concert being held in his honour by Congregation Beth Shalom West at the Centrepointe Theatre Thursday, February 6. An admirer of Cantor Daniel Benlolo, Gray says, the concert "says something important about the vigour and enthusiasm of Jewish community life in Ottawa and, even though I don't have a lot of time to participate directly, I am pleased to be a part of it and to pay tribute to that act of communal life as illustrated by the concert."

And what a concert and tribute it is going to be. Cantor Benlolo and Aviva Lightstone met with Herb Gray and his wife Sharon Sholzberg-Gray before deciding on the music selection. Along with klezmer, Sephardic, Yiddish and Hebrew music, the cantor, knowing that Gray is a fan of rock music, has put together a five-piece classic rock group that, he says, will bave the theatre jumping. Gray jokingly suggests, "The part of the program that people will like will be Cantor Benlolo's responsibility. The parts that people won't like will be my responsibility."

The event will also feature a multimedia presentation that highlights memorable moments from Herb Gray's life and career. The evening, hosted by Majic 100's Saul Jacobson, is expected to sell out quickly and many local and national political leaders are expected to attend.

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Your Home Your Homeland

The Habs, SJCC Junior Floor Hockey League champs take home the gold.

Call for nominations:

Recognize SJCC Volunteers and Leaders

Nominations are now being accepted for The Ben Karp SJCC Volunteer Service Award and the Grossman-Klein Family Teen Leadership Award for 2002. The awards will be presented at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre's Annual General Meeting and Awards Night, which will take place on Thursday, February 13 in the Nathan David and Max Zelikovitz Families Social Hall at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private (Carling and Broadview).

The Ben Karp SJCC Volunteer Service Award was established in honour of volunteer extraordinaire Ben Karp and is intended to recognize continued and outstanding volunteer involvement on behalf of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. It is the highest award the SJCC bestows. Last year's winner was Ruth Levitan.

Nominations for the Ben Karp SJCC Volunteer Service Award should be submitted to the selection committee, in writing by Monday, January 27, and should include a resume of the nominee's involvement in the SJCC and the Jewish community.

Address nominations to SJCC Ben Karp Award Selection Committee, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa Ontario K2A 1R9.

The Grossman-Klein Family Teen Leadership Awards, established by the Grossman-Klein Family, recognizes exceptional volunteer service to the Jewish Community over a number of years by one male and one female teen. Each winner will be presented with $100 on Thursday, February 13 at the SJCC Annual Meeting and Awards Night. Ariella Kimmel and Avi Krym took home the prize last time.

Nominations can be submitted to the selection Committee in writing by Monday, January 27 and should include a resume of the nominee's involvement in the Jewish community.

Award nominations should be sent to SJCC Grossman Klein Family Youth Award Selection Committee, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa, Ontario K2A 1R9.

Success at Centre Ice for the SJCC 5th Annual Celebrity Sports Dinner

By Josie Finestone
SJCC Revenue Development Manager

Over 400 people attended the 5th annual Celebrity Sports Dinner at the Corel Centre on November 20.

The event raised $40,000 for the Soloway JCC and the Ottawa Senators Foundation and the many charities they fund.

Honorary Chair of the event, Senators Captain Daniel Alfredsson, and members of the Senators, Ottawa Renegades, Ottawa Lynx, Ottawa 67's, Olympic athletes and special Olympians were present to support the event.

Emcees Carolyn Waldo and Dean Brown kept the evening light and enjoyable, while the silent and live auctions added to the excitement, as well as the bottom line.

Roger Neilson, assistant coach of the Ottawa Senators, was the guest speaker. He spoke of his many years in the coaching business and how much it meant to be this year's inductee into the Hockey Hall of Fame. He touched on his memorable participation in a hockey camp in Israel and how one of the highlights of his life was meeting President Ezer Weizman. He talked about faith, what it means to him and how it has gotten him through really tough patches in his life, particularly in his battle with cancer. Neilson was clearly not well that night but managed to touch everyone present with his down to earth folksy style and genuine humility. It took a lot of effort and determination to speak that evening, and he was very well received and very much appreciated.

Senators Team Captain, Honourary Chair of event, Daniel Alfredsson signs autographs at the Celebrity Sports Dinner.

A special thank you to all our sponsors including: Minto, MBNA, CIBC, Ginsberg, Gluzman, Fage and Levitz, Sports Radio 1200, The Team, Turpin Pontiac Buick, KPMG, Paramount Properties, Brazeau Seller, Ernst and Young, The Senators Foundation and the Soloway JCC, for making this event a success.

A special thank you also to Chair Jeff Polowin and his hard working committee, and the volunteers from the SJCC.

You are invited to the Ganon Preschool Open House

February 3, 2003
from 9am-3pm
at the Soloway JCC,
21 Nadolny Sachs Private,
(Carling and Broadview)
A licensed program serving children from 2-5 years of age.

Shalom and welcome to the SJCC Ganon Preschool where we strive to provide high quality Jewish educational experiences. The SJCC strengthens the Jewish identities of children and families and lays the ground work for Jewish living in the years to come. Our Early Childhood Programs serve as a gateway for the child and family into the organized Jewish community. As Early Childhood Educators we are dedicated to providing each child with the opportunity to develop their own creative, cognitive, social, emotional and physical selves.

Registration for Fall 2003:
February 3-14:
SJCC members presently enrolled
February 17-28:
Non-members enrolled and SJCC Members not enrolled
March 3:
Open registration begins

For more information call Ganon Manager Jennifer deVries at 798-9818 x 280.

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Enthusiastic women and girls learn Yidden, Adam Doeg and Oim Dos at the JET Simcha Dancing class at the SJCC.

Warm your soul with JET

It may be cold outside, but JET classes will warm your soul and stimulate your mind. Our Rabbis teach that during the Spring and Summer we can connect with our Creator through the magnificence of nature. During the Winter, when nature lies dormant, we seek spiritual connection through Torah study. Here in Ottawa increasing numbers of people are excited about Jewish learning and the warmth and meaning it provides. Perhaps this is just what you need to get through the cold and dark of winter. JET has a variety of courses for everyone, from beginners to the more advanced throughout the week.

New to the JET curriculum is **Timeless Wisdom for Modern Marrieges** a course that draws from Jewish sources and modern psychology to explore the challenges of modern marriage. This four part series, given by Sabina Wasserlauf MSW and Lauren Shaps MSW, will be held on Tuesday nights from February 18 – March 11 from 7:30 – 9:00. The cost is $100.00 per couple and pre-registration is required.

On Monday nights, learn to read Hebrew or improve Hebrew reading skills with either the **Hebrew Reading Crash Course** or **Hebrew Reading – Level II**. The popular series, **Jewish Life from A-Z**, with, the lively and engaging, Rabbi Dovid Burger, will continue with special focus this session on Jewish practice and putting thought into action. Topics covered include charity, character development and prayer. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, join Rabbi Micah Shotkin for coffee, danish and an hour of **Talmud Study** for Men. If you are free Tuesday at noon, **Living Judaism** with Lauren Shaps looks at the how's and whys of Jewish practice. Kashrut and the laws of visiting mourners will be discussed over the coming weeks. Thursday is a full day, beginning with **Pirkei Avot** and **Strive for Truth** in the morning and **Parshet Hashavua** and **Learn to Learn Chumash** in the evening. On Sundays, stretch your legs and join Faigy Muroff for **Simcha Dancing**. So bring the warmth of spirituality into your life. Join a JET class. For more information or to register, please call 798-9818 x 247 or e-mail jet@jccottawa.com.

The Greenberg Families Library, Agudath Israel Congregation and The Ottawa Jewish Film Society present

February 9, 2:00 pm: *Hester Street* (1974) A Jewish immigrant travels to New York's lower east side in 1896 to join her husband only to find that he has forsaken his rich heritage to become "American." 89 minutes.

March 9, 2:00 pm: *Mina Tannenbaum* (1993) Two young girls meet in a Paris ballet class beginning a 25-year bittersweet friendship. French with English subtitles. France. 130 minutes.

April 27, 2:00 pm: *The Nasty Girl* (1990) A black comedy about a young German girl uncovering the hidden Nazi history of her town. German with English subtitles. 92 minutes.

May 25, 2:00 pm: *Catskill Honeymoon* (1949) A Jewish resort hotel celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of some longtime customers. Black and white. English with some Yiddish. 93 minutes

The film series is sponsored by The Greenberg Families Library and Agudath Israel Congregation. The Ottawa Jewish Film Society is a private film society, which operates through the Greenberg Families Library. All films are free of charge and run one Sunday a month each month until May. For more information on the film series call The Greenberg Families Library at 798-9818 x 245.

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The Sages of Chelm on stage at the SJCC

Preparations are under way for the SJCC Theatreworks presentation of "The Sages of Chelm."

Chelm is the town of fools who believe themselves to be wise. Eli Rubenstein composed the original music for the play and A. Shulman penned the original script for the Montreal Yiddish Theatre in the early 1970's. The play has been translated into English and adapted for children. Both Young Theatreworks and Junior Theatreworks will be involved in the production that will take center stage at the SJCC in early April 2003.

The Theatreworks players recently performed folktales and monologues to an appreciative crowd at the SJCC in mid-December.

For more information on Theatreworks call Rena Herman at 798-9818 ext 243. To register call Member and Guest Services at 798-9818 x 295.

Thank you from the SJCC Mitzvah Knitters

The Mitzvah Knitters would like to thank everyone who has donated wool for our projects. Some of the donations have been anonymous or the donor's name was not given to us. Please accept our thanks for your thoughtfulness and generosity. We always need more wool, and donations are always welcome. Add a note with your name. We would love to thank you personally.

The JCC of Ottawa Summer Camp Countdown is on ... only 161 days to go!

Plans are well under way for JCC Summer Camps 2003 and if you had a good time last year, just wait and see what the camp crew has in store for this summer.

***NEW** ... this year the JCC of Ottawa Day Camp offers three exciting sessions:*
Session 1, June 30-July 18 • Session 2, July 21-August 1 • Session 3, August 4-15

***NEW*... Scuba and Water Adventure Camp**

Plus all the summer fun possible at the JCC of Ottawa Day Camp, Hapoel Sports Camp, Girl Power Adventure Camp, Ottawa Hockey Camp and SJCC Maccabi Ottawa Basketball Camp.

Open House at the SJCC March 16
Last Day for Early Bird Registration March 23

Watch for your brochure in the mail.

For more information about the JCC of Ottawa Summer Camps call Camp Director Jon Braun at 798-9818 ext 267.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Personal training gets you motivated to get in shape

The Trainer: Why do you need a personal trainer?? To reach your goals, to motivate and guide you. With the right trainer, you are more likely to succeed. A personal trainer will guide you on how to strength and weight train properly to build more than strength, flexibility and balance: they will give you a program you can use for life.

Not everyone has the same body type and fitness goals. Participating in a group fitness class will provide you with a general workout, usually quite beneficial to your heart. But, not every exercise is good for everyone. For example ... doing 45 lunges per side in a class is not always a good thing for people with problem knees. A personal trainer can guide a client on how to work their legs where they will not be harming their knees. Performing jack-knife abdominal exercises in a class is not the best exercise for someone with a vulnerable back. A personal trainer can show this participant how to work the abdominals and lower back specific to their needs.

If someone has been participating in group exercise classes for a few years with no visible results...this should be their clue that they can use the service of a good personal trainer. This person may have the motivation, but is lacking the correct guidance specific to their needs.

Personal trainers provide accountability. If you know your trainer is waiting, you are less likely to roll over and go back to sleep. Trainers motivate, correct technique, and the truly great ones inspire.

Probably the most attractive part about using a personal fitness trainer is that they will accommodate you at a time and place that is most convenient for you.

To book an appointment with an SJCC Personal Fitness Trainer call Fitness/Aerobics Manager Carla Gencher at 798-9818 ext 278.

The Trainee: "Liz Lesh has been my personal trainer for more than three years.

Fitness has always been an important part of my life, but Liz has made my workouts efficient, effective and varied — not to mention lots of fun!"

"The programs Liz has designed for me let me maintain a very high level of fitness without spending hours in the gym. She emphasizes functional fitness, developing core body strength and muscle groups that keep me strong and energized for my busy life as a writer, teacher and theatre producer."

"At 45, I am in better shape and have more energy than at 25."

– Barbara Crook

NEW...Pilates on the Ball

Pilates on the ball is ao intermediate class that tones and lengthens muscles, increases back and abdominal strength, improves posture and body mechanics and reduces joint and lower back stress. Using the resist a ball gives more of a gentle stretch. This challenging new class opens joints and stretches muscles while working the core.
Jan 6 - March 3
Mondays 9:15-10:15am
$65M $90NM
Instructor: Heather Pugh

The SJCC has added two new Spin classes

Burn up to 500 calories in under one hour!

If you haven't tried spinning yet, here are two more opportunities to be part of the hottest trend in physical fitness. New classes have been added to the winter session Monday and Wednesday at 7:15am.

Get into shape, have fun, train with purpose and enjoy a powerful mind-body connection. This high-energy group exercise integrates music, camaraderie and visualization in a complete mind/body exercise program for all ages and ability.

Spin classes are $5.50 M per class, $7.50 NM per class.

To register call 798-9818 x 295.

Build muscle the wet way in the SJCC Levitank Pool

New Aquatic Fitness Courses starting in January

By Chris Lindsay, Manager of Aquatics

Our new courses are a perfect compliment to anyone's current fitness regime. Pick the class that's right for your specific needs. These classes are also a great addition to the current 10 free-to-members/members-only classes already on the schedule. For more information pickup an Aquafitness Schedule from the front desk, pool, call 798-9818 x 377, or email poolinfo@jccottawa.com for details.

High Energy Cardio Running

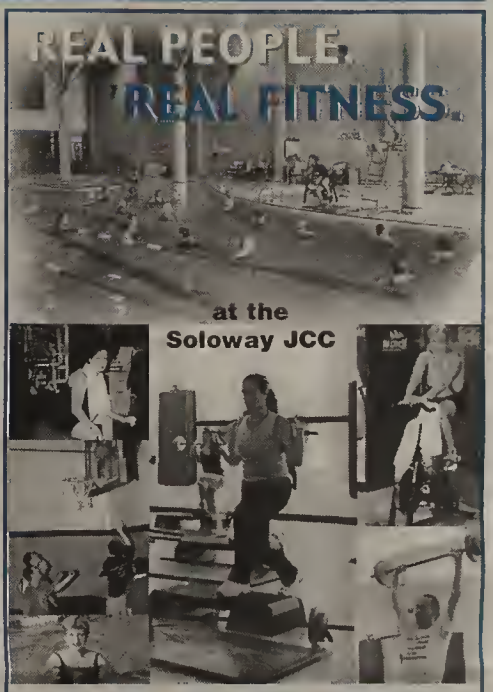
Too cold to run outside? Treadmills got you going nowhere? Try our strictly cardio water running class! No impact, deep water, lead by experienced aquafit instructor and water personal trainer Naymen Ben-Mellah.
Tuesday mornings, 10:30-11:15am
January 7 - March 25
$45 M, $60 NM

Awesome Aqua Abs

If you're dreaming about getting a swimmers six-pack but can't stay on the ball, this is the class for you. Using the natural resistance of water you'll burn off fat and sculpt muscle for an extraordinary set of abdominals. Led by experienced aquafit instructor and water personal trainer Naymen Ben-Mellah.
Thursday mornings, 10:30-11:15am
January 9 - March 27
$45 M, $60 NM

Pool Power Hour

No kids, no games, and no floating. If you are looking for some serious swim time with you, a lap lane, and no distractions from your workout this is the class for you. Led by an experienced swim coach, you will have an opportunity to work through a results-based program to improve your speed and swim times. Perfect for Triathletes looking to do some hard time in the pool to get higher on the podium.
Monday and Wednesday evenings, 9:00-10:00pm
January 6 - March 26
$70 M, $120 NM



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Men's basketball mid-season report by Jon Braun

White leads the league

We just finished the half way point of the Men's Basketball League and action in the Association has been fast and furious. It's been 'run and gun' from day one, and the second half of the season should continue to rock. Here's a look at what's been going on in the 'Association.'

Team White finds itself leading the pack with an 8 and 2 record. Led by Captain David Slover, the most dominant force in the league, White is still finding itself, which is pretty scary. With young talent like Paz Maoz, Ritchie Sadinsky and Joey Hoffman, who's rediscovering his game after taking last year off, White has all the pieces to make it happen, but can they make it happen? Stay tuned.

Tied in first, also with an 8 and 2 record is Team Grey. As far as team play goes, on most given nights, Grey has shown more consistency then any other team. Led by Captain Perry Medicoff and the Association's all-time leading scorer Jeffrey Pleet, Grey proves that quality leadership and experience will still take you a long way. Clearly, Grey also has the best back court in the league with JCC Maccabi alumnus Manny Olszynko playing the point and the talented Jordan Pleet, who's leading the league in scoring, playing the '2'. Grey is nice.

Gold finds itself in 3rd with a 6 and 4 record. They are young and talented. Led by Captain Jon Krebs, Gold has size and speed. Yoni Braun on some given nights is untouchable. Ben Sherman is a rookie of the year candidate. But can Krebs bring his boys together more consistently? That is the question.

Red is in fourth place. Captain Mike Fathi doesn't have a whole lot of size on his team. Center Kevin Smith has the biggest heart in the Association, but it's hard for him to bang the boards with guys 6ft 4. But Red has some really talented ballers. Josh Schacter can drain it from anywhere; kid brother Mike is also very talented. And rookie Sean Huberman is athletic and recently dropped 38 points.

Red's got to run the floor, show a lot of heart, and play swarming 'D' if they want to go anywhere.

Team Blue and Maroon are tied for fifth place with and 2 and 8 record. Captain Adam Bronsther drafted big, he's led by two talented big men, Ted Wannell and Garth Dingwall. Veteran Mitch Chamess brings up the ball. Win or lose, Blue will be there every week. They're a tight group of guys and they are a shining example of what a JCC Men's House League should be all about.

Dave Feldberg's Maroon Team has had its problems. Mark Cantor, one of the leagues all-time greats, has been hurt part of the first half and without his leadership it's going to be tough for Maroon. But Feldberg and Cantor have been known to pull off some miracles in the past, their year is not done.

So that's it, the annual mid season report of the Association. Second half, it's about to take off. It's going to be a lot of fun!

Top 5 Scorers

Name	Team	AVG	GP
1. Jordan Pleet	Grey	25.6	10
2. Josh Schacter	Red	22.4	10
3. David Slover	White	20.4	10
4. Yoni Braun	Gold	18.5	9
5. Manny Olszynko	Grey	18.1	10

JMBL Standings-Week 10

Teams	Wins	Losses	Ties
White	8	2	0
Grey	8	2	0
Gold	6	4	0
Red	4	6	0
Blue	2	8	0
Maroon 2	8	0	

Girl Power helps the Habs grab the gold: SJCC Junior Floor Hockey

The Habs won the Gold last month in our SJCC Junior Floor Hockey League.

What made the victory even more memorable this season was that three athletes on the winning team were girls; the only girls that played in the entire league.

Taylor Schachnow, Laya Polowin and Hadar Maoz not only played excellent floor hockey all season long, but they were in fact role models for all the other girls in the Community who think twice before joining in Youth Athletic Activities.

All programs offered by the Athletic Department for children are non-contact and co-ed, so we look forward to seeing more girls taking part in activities beginning in January, including all of the After School Basketball clinics.

If you have any questions about any programs being offered by the Athletic Dept. please call Jon Braun at 798-9818 x 267. WAY TO GO GIRLS!

Laya Polowin, Hadar Moaz and Taylor Schachnow, the only girls in the league were on the wining team.

March Break Camp

Enjoy the good times at the SJCC. A whole week of games, sports, swimming, crafts, outings and theme days.

Kindergarten - Grade 6
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Monday, March 10
Tuesday, March 11
Wednesday, March 12
Thursday, March 13
Friday, March 14

$30/day M, $45/day NM
2nd Child - $20/day M, $25/day NM

Passover Camp

The days of Passover Camp will be filled with all kinds of cool games, sports, outings, activities and theme days. Play with old friends and make new ones.

Kindergarten - Grade 6
8:30am - 4:00pm

Tuesday, April 15
Monday, April 21
Tuesday, April 22
Friday, April 25

$40/day M, $55/day NM
2nd Child - $30/day M, $25/day NM

For more information on these programs call Youth and Teen Program Manager Gail Lieff at 798-9818 ext 303,
To register call 798-9818 ext 295.

SAVE THE DATE

SJCC 50th Anniversary Presidents Gala Dinner, Opening Doors For Those Who Can't - May 20, 2003. 6:00 pm. Westin Hotel.

A gala celebrating 50 years of JCC leadership and raising money to support special needs programs and services at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre in partnership with Tamir Foundation and The Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre.

For sponsorship opportunities call the Revenue Development Manager at 798-9818 ext 444.

The 2003 Desert Classic Golf Tournament - Thursday June 12, 2003. Loch March Golf & Country Club.

Hillel Academy and the Soloway Jewish Community Centre join together again to host the 2003 Desert Classic Golf Tournament. A fun filled day of golfing and an opportunity for the public to show their support for these integral community organizations. Registration in the tournament is $150 until March 1 and $175 after March 1.

For sponsorship opportunities, call the Revenue Development Manager at 798-9818 ext 444 or to register, stop by the SJCC and pick up a registration form.

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לפני 35 שנה נלחמנו עם שלושת הצבאות החזקים במזרח התיכון ומחקנו אותם בשישה ימים.

ביום יש לנו מדינה, צבא, תיל אויר חזק, כלכלת היי-טק ומייצאים מיליונים.
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המורל שלנו-של עם ישראל נמוך, רק כגלל שאנו מבכים על המתים שלנו בזמן שהם חוגגים על שפיכות הדמים.
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אז, בפתגם הקבוע "להתראות בשנה הבאה בירושליים", אמן.

להתראות בכתבה הבאה,

אביבית ארליכמן.

Adath Shalom invites the community to its silver anniversary shabbaton

By Marvin Zalman

Twenty-five years ago, an idea was born for a shul which would be based on "chavurah" and a "do-it yourself" approach. From these humble beginnings Adath Shalom slowly flourished and grew. Under the guidance of Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum, the fledgling shul slowly found its legs. Having survived the initial growing pains it has not looked back and has become a viable entity.

To commemorate this anniversary, Adath Shalom has invited Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum and his wife Loretta back for a special shabbaton weekend February 7, 8 and 9. Rabbi Tanebaum will be the guest speaker at this event that includes a Friday night service at 7:30 pm, followed by a talk; a Saturday shabbat service at 9:45 am, followed by a kiddush luncheon; and culminates with a gala evening complete with a kosher buffet. Services are held in the chapel at 31 Nadolny Sachs Private. The gala evening, for which there will be a charge, will be held at Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centerpointe at 7:00 pm. All members of the community are cordially invited.

Please pre-register with Alysse Weinberg (729-5279), email *weinberg@uottawa.ca* or Fenja Brodo (723-2054) by January 24th if you plan to attend any of these events.

Founded as a conservative and egalitarian shul, Adath Shalom offers a warm and congenial atmosphere in which there is equal participation by both men and women in all aspects of the services.

Services are led by members of the congregation, including a weekly "dvar" on the parsha of the week. Weekly services are held at 31 Nadolny Sachs Private.

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40TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Where: Camp Gesher, Cloyne Ontario

When: Friday, August 15 - Sunday, August 17, 2003

Who: Camp Gesher Alumni and Staff.

What: Come reminisce with your friends and reacquaint yourself with Camp Gesher tradition. We will provide live music, kosher food and so much more all in the magnificent camp setting.

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For more information call (416) 633-2511
or our toll free number 1-877-4GESHER
or email us at info@campgesher.com

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS MEMOIR PROJECT

Information for Holocaust Survivors who may wish to have their manuscripts published.

We have been informed that a project exists under the World Jewish Congress funded by Random House to publish Survivors' memoirs.

For more information, please contact:
Mr. Menachem Rosensaft, Director and Editor-in-Chief
Holocaust Survivors Memoir Project
C/O World Jewish Congress
501 Madison Avenue
New York, NY. 10022-5602

The Ottawa Holocaust Education and Remembrance Committee throughout the year, supports activities related to educating people and sustaining the memory of the Holocaust. Following Ottawa's first Holocaust Education Week, held this past November, we are now planning to repeat Holocaust Education Week in 2003. If you have ideas or are interested in helping with the planning or implementation of Holocaust Education Week 2003, please contact:

Gabe Meranda
Director of Communications & Community Relations
Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir
Tel: 798-4696, ext: 255

Adult education series continues at Congregation Beth Shalom West

By Peter Benedek and Sol Rauch

Beth Shalom West has just completed a successful fall session of its adult education program, dealing with a slate of intriguing topics that ranged from, "The Right to Die" to "The Torah on Leadership." In general, the topics are chosen to emphasize the encounter of religious learning and worldly knowledge in the Jewish tradition.

The last class of the session dealt with human reproductive technology. It was particularly representative of the spirit of the program, combining scientific and Halakhic views on an exciting and relevant topic. Dr. Paul Claman, professor of obstetrics and gynecology and director of IVF/Fertility Clinic at the University of Ottawa, ably presented the scientific views. Rabbi Howard Finkelstein of Beth Shalom West provided Halakhic commentary interspersed throughout Dr.Clayman's scientific presentation. This format provoked questions and vigorous discussion. The net result was a fascinating and interactive learning experience.

In the same vein, the winter session will maintain the spirit of the program by considering topics, such as:

- Dysfunctional families in the Torah.
- A variety of topics in Ethics, such as, confidentiality, personal, medical, legal, business, employee, and *lashan hara (evil speech).*
- Is pricing for what the market can bear ethical/legal?
- Explore business ethics in detail by reviewing specific case studies.
- Several classes on Maimonides dealing with his biography, philosophy, and his views on some interesting specific topics.

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Expanding from 15 pilot locations in 1998, Chabad's Jewisb Learning Institute (JLI) is offering a unified curriculum across 65 cities this year, including Ottawa. The curriculum, consisting of three eight-week courses taught sequentially during the school year, already is gaining interest from national Jewish educators, and has the potential to gain further mainstream acceptance as JLI officials participated in the annual meeting of Jewish federations last month in Philadelphia.

"To spark the interest of those who have no affiliation with the Jewish community, we've spent a tremendous amount of time and money to develop materials that speak to them, notwithstanding their Jewish education," said Rabbi Efraim S. Mintz, JLI's director in New York. JLI-developed courses focus on specific themes and draw on both scholarly secular sources and the history of Jewish religious literature. The fall course which drew 30 students in Ottawa was titled, "From Sinai to Cyberspace: The Development and Relevance of Jewish Law."

Such an approach seems far from radical, but it was a big leap for an organization of yeshiva-trained rabbis. To them, study meant line-by-line analysis of the Talmud, the 60 volumes of oral Jewish traditions and rabbinic commentaries that date back 1,800 years. "We had to be re-educated in the way we presented," said Rabbi Menachem M. Blum, executive director of OTC, which offers and teaches the courses in Ottawa.

JLI's winter course "Kabbalah Rhythms: a spiritual roadmap to higher living" begins on January 21 at the SJCC. Weekly sessions last no more than 90 minutes and the fee is only $80 for the eight sessions. For more information and registration please call OTC (823-0866) or visit the JLI's central website at *www.JLIcentral.com.*

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Overcoming the odds: Why Les Kom is my hero

By Jon Braun

Who are the real heroes? Professional athletes, big time movie stars? Anybody know Les Kom? He's my hero, bottom line, and here's why.

Last winter was no different then any other winter for Les Kom. Once a week, as he had done since his sons Brian and Joel were seven years old, Les would find himself in some ratty gym, sitting in the bleachers, watching his boys play hoops.

For a long time it was the Nepean Amateur Basketball Association, later on it was Hillel Academy games. In 1998, Joel was a member of Ottawa Maccabi that competed in the JCC Maccabi Games that took place in Detroit Michigan that summer. Once again Les would be in the gym watching practice. For the last four years you could find Les Kom on Wednesday nights following his favourite heroes as Joel, now 21, and Brian 17 hooked up with the JCC's Men's Basketball League, more affectionately known as the JMBL.

The Kom boys (from left to right): Joel, Les and Brian

One day last spring, Les started thinking to himself, all these guys like Jeff Pleet, Ian Sadinsky and Howard Krebs, they were playing with their sons in the league. Why not me? It would be a dream to play with his sons. When Les brought up the idea with his boys, the reaction was pretty much, are you serious? Then he showed up in my office one day and told me about his secret dream. Like the boys, my reaction was, say what? But I kept it to myself.

Les hadn't played ball since he was in the sixth grade and the JMBL the last few years had evolved into a fast paced run and gun game played by guys in their early twenties. But then I sat back and realized how extremely cool this could actually be.

OK Les, let's do this! First Les would show up at noon in the gym, playing pickup ball with a bunch of lunch guys. Even though his hand eye wasn't up there with Kobe Bryant, Les had two things going for him, he had kept himself in shape, and most importantly, his passion to make his dream come true could not be stopped. Wednesday night summer ball began at the J in early June. Most of the guys that showed up on a regular basis played in the league during the winter months, so Les could get a sense of who he would be dealing with. His first night out, Les sat in the bleachers waiting for a chance to get into a game. But he was scared – scared to death.

That first night of summer ball, Les Kom didn't touch the floor. He went home. At some point that week Les started talking to a guy named Perry Medicoff who had been playing ball at the J for years. He told him about his plan. Talking with Perry turned out to be the best thing Les could have done. For the next two months, just like a kid brother, Perry Medicoff took Les Kom under his wing, giving him tips and more importantly, giving him encouragement.

During the month of August, Les also took some private one on one tutorials with the JCC Maccabi Basketball and University of Ottawa Coach, Bobby Carlos Brown. Coach Brown broke the game down for Les showing him elements of basketball that he never knew existed. Recalls Les, "Bobby was demanding, but reasonable, I really liked him." By the end of August, it was clear to Les that this was going to happen.

September 27th was the big day. New members that wanted to get into the league began calling the Centre at 6:00 am. Les called at 6:01 and got in. The league was full by 6:30 am. There was one small set back; no captain was willing to put all three Koms on his team during the league draft. Les's only concern was that the boys be kept together. "Playing against my boys would also be great!"

Les Kom played his first organized basketball game since he was 12 years old on October 9, 2002 at 6:30 pm at the Soloway JCC gym. He scored four points against his sons, Joel and Bryan.

Les Kom is my hero. I want him to be your hero too.

Jon Broun is the Athletics ond Leogues Manager at the SJCC.

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In appreciation to:
Joey Osterer by Jean Naemark.
Best wishes to:
Andrea Fergusson, a dear daughter, on her birthday by Mom Jean Naemark.
Happy Chanukah to:
Jean Naemark by Leonard and Bea Toronlow, Michael, Steven and Lisa.
In observance of the Yahrzeit of:
Max Naemark, a dear husband, father and grandfather by Jean Naemark and family.
Shier Naemark, a dear father-in-law and grandfather by Jean Naemark and family.

ISAAC ONANA MEMORIAL FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Viviana Dhana on her 50th birthday by her husband Howard Sandler.

OTTAWA TORAH INSTITUTE EDUCATION FUND
In memory of:
Libby Lieff by Adele and Jeff Sidney.

OTTAWA POST, JEWISH WAR VETERANS FUND
In memory of:
David Jackson by Hy Stoller and Rita Hornstein.

OSCAR AND NINA PETIGORSKY FAMILY MEMORIAL FUND
In observance of the Yahrzeit of:
Ann Petigorsky, a dear sister, by Minna Petigorsky and Sam Petigorsky.

JACK AND MIRIAM PLEET ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Robert (Rube) Berezin by Lawrence and Joanne Pleet.
Herbert "Herbie" Saslove by Jack and Miriam Pleet.

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NANCY AND LARRY PLEET ENDOWMENT FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Sylvia and Morton Pleet on their 50th wedding anniversary by Evan Pleet.
R'fuah Sh'lemeh to:
Raye Singerman by Nancy Pleet.
In memory of:
Sophie Bagel by Nancy Pleet, Evan Pleet, Janice Pleet and Jonah Spungin.
Lois Cooper's father by Nancy Pleet and family.
Malca Goldstein by Nancy Pleet and family.
Herbert "Herbie" Saslove by Nancy Pleet and family.

NORMAN AND EVELYN POTECHIN ENDOWMENT FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Agnes Potechin on her birthday by aunt Evelyn and uncle Norman Potechin.
Laurie Gordon on her special birthday by aunt Evelyn and uncle Norman Potechin.
Judy Wolfe on her birthday by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.
Stanley Pinkus on his 75th birthday by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.
Clare Bronstein on her 100th birthday by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.
Mary Potechin on her birthday by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.
Sharmin Potechin on her 35th birthday by aunt Evelyn and uncle Norman Potechin.
R'fuah Sh'lemeh to:
Ida Bernstein by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.
In memory of:
Sylvia Bodnoff Reiter by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.
Herbert "Herbie" Saslove by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.
Malca Goldstein by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.
Rossie Rose by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.

SARAH AND MOE RESNICK ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Robert (Rube) Berezin by Sam and Robert Goldmaker.

GOLDIE AND ALBERT RIVERS ENDOWMENT FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Sylvia and Morton Pleet on their 50th wedding anniversary by Goldie Rivers.
In memory of:
Albert Rivers by Rose and Chick Taylor.
Morris Centor by Jason and Helen Rivers, Alex and Catherine; and by Goldie Rivers.

ROSSIE AND ISSIE ROSE ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Rossie Rose by Edie Landau; by Kayla and Alvin Mallay; by Marilyn and Dan Kimmel; by Carol Greenberg; by Richard Addelman; by Morton and Sally Taller; by Dorothy and Herb Nadolny; by Arthur and Ruth Kizelt; by Barbie and Len Farber; by Maurice and Evelyn Young; by Sid and Betty Finkelman; by Betty and Ed Rose; by Zelaine and Sol Shinder; by Ben Peters; by Morrie and Rose Konick; by Rose and Chick Taylor; by Sara and Len Aberstein and family; by Ian and Beata Bodnoff; by Ellen, Marty and Sharon Cardash; by William Bloom; by David Gordon; by Ivan, Fran and Carly Kester; by Joel Weiner and Elaine Sigler; by Isabel and Norman Lesh; by Judith Goldenberg; and by Robert Horfick.

FLORENCE AND GDALYAH ROSENFELD ENDOWMENT FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Florence Rosenfeld on her birthday by Judy and Ted Wolfe.

SAMUEL AND RUTH ROTHMAN MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of:
Saul Morowicz by Susan and Stephen Rothman, Bram, Drew and Joel.
Shimon Bank by Gladys Bodnoff.

SHELLEY AND SID ROTHMAN FAMILY FUND
In memory of:
Shimon Bank by Shelley and Sid Rothman and family.
Sara Ostrzega by Shelley and Sid Rothman and family.

ANNE AND IRVING SABRAN MEMORIAL FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Mitch Zinman and Jo Silverstein on their engagement by Sandy, Jeff and Arron Fishbain and Hermie Halpern.
Laura Segal, on her graduation from Carleton University by Sandy, Jeff and Arron Fishbain and Hermie Halpern.
In appreciation to:
Sandy Fishbain by Judith Goldenberg.
In observance of the Yahrzeit of:
Ben Baylin, a sweet and gentle cousin, by Sandy, Jeff and Arron Fishbain and Hermie Halpern.

BEN-AMI AND ROSLYN SANDERS FAMILY FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Andrea Levy on her 50th birthday by Greg and Tani, Susan, Julia and Buzz and Jimmy and Sharon and families.
Morrie and Helen Eisen on their special wedding anniversary by Gregory and Tani Sanders.
Bess and Casey Swedlove on their special wedding anniversary by Gregory and Tani Sanders.
Abe and Bert Klugsberg on their special wedding anniversary by Gregory and Tani Sanders.
Gord and Sheeba Schmidt on their wedding anniversary by Gregory and Tani Sanders.
Susie Weisman and Jeff Taylor on their wedding anniversary by Gregory and Tani Sanders.
Ingrid and Gerry Levitz on their wedding anniversary by Gregory and Tani Sanders.
Sid and Cally Kardish on their wedding anniversary by Gregory and Tani Sanders.
Alyce and Allan Baker on their wedding anniversary by Gregory and Tani Sanders.
Elissa Lieff and David Resnick on their wedding anniversary by Gregory and Tani Sanders.
Dr. Norman and Myrna Barwin on their wedding anniversary by Gregory and Tani Sanders.
Norman and Francie Lieff on their wedding anniversary by Gregory and Tani Sanders.
Zeev Vered on being the recipient of the Queen's Jubilee Medal by Gregory and Tani Sanders.
Butch Zinman on the engagement of his son Mitchell to Jo Silverstein by Gregory and Tani Sanders.
In appreciation to:
Stephen and Jocelyn Greenberg by Tani and Gregory Sanders and family.
In memory of:
Max Lieff by Tani and Gregory Sanders.

RDY AND HELEN SAIPE ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Malca Goldstein by Marcia Saipe.
Sylvia Bodnoff Reiter by Marcia Saipe.
Morris Centor by Marcia Saipe.
Albert Rivers by Marcia Saipe.
Robert (Rube) Berezin by Marcia Saipe.

FRANCES AND HARRY SAXE ENDOWMENT FUND
R'fuah Sh'leman to:
Carole Zagerman by Shirley and Al Cohen; by Hy and Ruth Soloway; and by Evelyn and Irving Greenberg.

HERMINA SCHACHNOW MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of:
Rossie Rose by Charles and Cindy Schachnow and family.

SAM AND CELIA SCHACTER MEMORIAL FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Ruth Berger on the birth of her granddaughter Jessica by Ian and Estelle Melzer.
In memory of:
Max Lieff by Estelle and Ian Melzer.

CLARE AND MAURICE SCHWARTZ FUND
In memory of:
Harry Brill by Clare Schwartz and David Kronick and family.

HARRY AND SYLVIA SHERMAN MEMORIAL FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Sorel and Nachum Eizicovics on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Binyamin Meir by Lori, Peter, Brianna and Amy Greenberg.

HARRY AND SYLVIA SHINDER MEMORIAL FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Neil Shinder on his special birthday by aunt Ethel and uncle David Malek; and by Audrey and Irwin Kreisman and family.
Murray Garceau on his special birthday by Ethel and David Malek and family.
Sammy Ronberg on his 80th birthday by Ian and Randi Sherman and family.
Judy and Norman Tenenbaum on the birth of their twin granddaughters by Ethel and David Malek.
In memory of:
Bradley Shinder by Bea and Murray Garceau and family.
Sylvia Bodnoff Reiter by Bea and Murray Garceau.
Mollie Garceau by Zelaine and Sol Shinder; by Ethel and David Malek and family; and by Edie Landau.
Rossie Rose by Ethel and David Malek and family.
Herbert "Herbie" Saslove by Ethel and David Malek and family.

JENNIE AND ISRAEL SHINDER ENDOWMENT FUND
With appreciation to:
Chris Isaacs by Jack Shinder and Yaffa Greenbaum and family.
Raye Anderson by Jack Shinder and Yaffa Greenbaum and family.

SOL AND ZELAINE SHINDER ENDOWMENT FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Neil Shinder on his special birthday by Charles and Cindy Schachnow and family; and by Sammy Gardner and family.
Jon and Sherri on the birth of their daughter Sophie Rose by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.
Neil and Randi Shinder on the birth of their niece Sophie Rose Cogan by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.
Alissa and David Allice on the birth of their niece Sophie Rose Cogan by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.
Sammy Gardner on the birth of her grandson Jacob Charles by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.
Dr. Michael Molot on his special birthday by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.
Arnell Goldberg on the birth of his granddaughter Zoher Phaedra Victoria by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.
R'fuah Sh'lemeh to:
Carole Zagerman by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.
Zelaine Shinder by Rose and Chick Taylor.
In memory of:
Max Lieff by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.
Sylvia Bodnoff Reiter by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.
Freda Hershenfield by Zelaine Shinder.

ABRAHAM AND MARY SHAFFER MEMORIAL FUND
In observance of the Yahrzeit of:
Mary Shaffer, a dear mother by Sheldon and Sonia Shaffer.

HAROLD SHAFFER MEMORIAL FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Green on the birth of their granddaughter by Frances Shaffer and Dorothy Shaffer.
In memory of:
Luc Weinstein by Frances Shaffer, Dorothy Shaffer and Rhea Wohl.

ABRAHAM AND BESSIE SHUSTER MEMORIAL FUND
Deepest sympathy to:
Professor Lorna McLean and Professor Sharon Cook on the loss of their mother by Bruria and Earl Cooperman.

LOUIS AND STELLA SLACK MEMORIAL FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Sammy Gardner on the birth of her grandson Jacob Charles by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.
Mazal Tov to:
Alyce Baker on her new career by Myra, Lester, Jennifer, Donna, Gregory and Jordan Aronson.
In memory of:
Sylvia Bodnoff Reiter by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.
Rossie Rose by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.

MOE AND CHARLOTTE SLACK MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of:
Bud Hendley by Marlene Levine and Andrew Siman.

SAM AND SUE SLACK ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Donald Hannant by Sharon Appotive.

IRVING AND HARRIET SLONE ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Malca Goldstein by Stuart Levine and Carol Williams.

JACK AND LINDA SMITH ENDOWMENT FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Claire and Irving Bercovitch on the B'not Mitzveh of their granddaughters Lindsay and Jessica Firestone by Jack, Linda and David Smith.
Best wishes to:
Dr. Norman Barwin by Linda, Jack and David Smith.
In memory of:
Rossie Rose by Jack, Linda and David Smith.
Malca Goldstein by Jack, Linda and David Smith.
Herbert "Herbie" Saslove by Jack, Linda and David Smith.
Freda Hershenfeld by Jack, Linda and David Smith.
Libby Lieff by Jack, Linda and David Smith.
Max Lieff by Jack, Linda and David Smith.
Freda Milstone by Jack, Linda and David Smith.
Marcel Van Dam by Jack, Linda and David Smith.
Frank Loves by Jack, Linda and David Smith.
David Horwitz by Jack, Linda and David Smith.
Karl Waserman by Jack, Linda and David Smith.
Sylvia Bodnoff Reiter by Jack, Linda and David Smith.
Helen Gardner by Jack, Linda and David Smith.
Robert (Rube) Berezin by Jack, Linda and David Smith.
In observance of the Yahrzeit of:
Inez Smith, a dear mother and grandmother by Leslie, Maureen, Aaron and Mischa Smith.

BEN AND SHIRLEY SMOLKIN MEMORIAL FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Bess and Casey Swedlove on their 62nd wedding anniversary by Howard Smolkin and Annice Kronick.

PATRICIA SMOLKIN MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of:
Frank Loves by Michael, Nikki and Neilah Shapiro.

LAURA AND GORDON SPERGEL ENDOWMENT FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Shapiro on the birth of their granddaughter by Laura and Gordon Spergel.
Laura and Gordon Spergel on their wedding anniversary by Sally and Morton Taller; and by Libby and Stan Katz.
R'fuah Sh'lemeh to:
Max Konigsberg by Laura and Gordon Spergel.
Laura Spergel by Sally and Morton Taller.
Martin Ginsburg by Laura and Gordon Spergel.
In memory of:
Max Lieff by Laura and Gordon Spergel.

LEAH, FREDA AND HENRY STEINMAN ENDOWMENT FUND
In memory of:
Max Lieff by Leah and Freda Steinman.
Libby Lieff by Leah and Freda Steinman.

WILLIAM "BILL" STERNBERG MEMORIAL FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Eddie Van Dam on his promotion by Laya and Ted Jacobsen.
Mark and Alla Khasin on their 40th wedding anniversary by Leya and Ted Jacobsen.
Laya and Ted Jacobsen on the birth of their grandson by Judith Goldenberg.
In memory of:
William Saunders by Laya and Ted Jacobsen.
Fanny Holzman by Laya and Ted Jacobsen.
Marcel Van Dam by Laya and Ted Jacobsen; and by Judith Goldenberg.
Herbert "Herb" Saslove by Laya and Ted Jacobsen; by Judith Goldenberg.
Karl Waserman by Judith Goldenberg.
In observance of the Yahrzeit of:
Bill Goldenberg, a beloved husband, by Judith Goldenberg.

MAX AND PHYLLIS STERNTHAL FAMILY FUND
Birthday wishes to:
Ruth Schacter by Phyllis and Max Sternthal.
Zelda Freedman by Phyllis and Max Sternthal.
R'fuah Sh'lemeh to:
Carole Zagerman by Phyllis and Max Sternthal.
Mera Goldstein by Phyllis and Max Sternthal.
In memory of:
Max Lieff by Phyllis and Max Sternthal.
Edith Goldberg by Phyllis and Max Sternthal.
Sylvia Bodnoff Reiter by Phyllis and Max Sternthal.
Malca Goldstein by Phyllis and Max Sternthal.
Barbara Sobcov by Phyllis and Max Sternthal.
Helen Gardner by Phyllis and Max Sternthal.

FREDA AND PHIL SWEDKO MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of:
Sylvia Bodnoff Reiter by Claire and Irving Bercovitch.

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CASEY AND BESS SWEDLOVE ENDOWMENT FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Casey and Bess Swedlove on their 62nd wedding anniversary by your children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter; by Libby and Stan Katz; by Marty Davis, Director, Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, Board and Staff.

JAY B. TALLER MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of:
Robert (Rube) Berezin by Morton and Sally Taller.
Max Lieff by Morton and Sally Taller.

RUTH TALLER MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of:
Morris Cantor by Linda, Steven, Jessica and Lorne Kerzner.
Patsy Lewis by Linda, Steven, Jessica and Lorne Kerzner.

SAMUEL AND ANNE TALLER ENDOWMENT FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Ann and Gerald Stein on their 60th wedding anniversary by Anne Taller.
In memory of:
Sylvia Bodnoff Reiter by Anne Taller.
Max Lieff by Anne Taller.
Robert (Rube) Berezin by Anne Taller; and by Marilyn Waserman.
Karl Waserman by Anne Taller.
Pearl Riskin by Anne Taller; by Rhoda and Jeff Simbrow and family; and by Marilyn Taller Waserman.
Rossie Rose by Anne Taller.
Herbert "Herbie" Saslove by Anne Taller; and by Marilyn Waserman.

CLAIRE AND SAM TANNER MEMORIAL FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Marvin and Joyce Tanner on the birth of their granddaughter Michelle by Lana and Stephen Tanner and family.
Speedy recovery to:
Mera Goldstein by Lana and Stephen Tanner and family.
In memory of:
Robert (Rube) Berezin by Lana and Stephen Tanner and family.
Freda Hershenfield by Lana and Stephen Tanner and family.

SAUL AND FANNY TANNER MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of:
Marcel Van Dam by Brian and Shelley Weiner.

CHARLES AND RAE TAVEL MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of:
Max Lieff by Sunny and John Tavel.

TARANTOUR FAMILY FUND
In memory of:
Rossie Rose by Ann Lazear and family.
Malca Goldstein by Ann Lazear and family.

CHARLES AND ROSE TAYLOR ENDOWMENT FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Sylvie and Morton Pleet on their 50th wedding anniversary by Rose and Chick Taylor.
Rose and Moe Litwack on their special wedding anniversary by Rose and Chick Taylor.
John and Gladys Greenberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Mitchell by Rose and Chick Taylor.
In memory of:
Sarah Leibov by Rose and Chick Taylor.
Samuel Goodz by Rose and Chick Taylor.
Herbert "Herbie" Saslove by Rose and Chick Taylor.
Freda Hershenfield by Rose and Chick Taylor.
Barbara Sobcov by Rose and Chick Taylor.
Libby Lieff by Rose and Chick Taylor.
Karl Waserman by Rose and Chick Taylor.

IRVING AND ETHEL TAYLOR ENDOWMENT FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Centor Daniel Benlolo on being the honoree for JNF by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Rhoda and Paul Bregman on the engagement of their son Bram to Chani Pheiffer by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Jacie and Sandra Levinson on the birth of their grandson by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Marion Mayman on her term as National President of Canadian Nadassah-WIZO by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Blanche and Joey Osterer on their 50th wedding anniversary by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Clair and Julius Krantzberg on their 50th wedding anniversary by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Harry Froman on his birthday by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Esther Froman on her birthday by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Speed Recovery to:
Mike Roodman by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Martin Ginsburg by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Caroline Baylin by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Jessie Murray by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
In memory of:
Lil Lang by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Albert Rivers by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Morris Cantor by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Libby Lieff by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Sylvia Bodnoff Reiter by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Helen Gardner by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Max Lieff by Ethel and Irving Taylor.
Al Bloom by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

MOSES, CHENYA AND HENRY TORONTOW MEMORIAL FUND
Best wishes to:
Bea Torontow on her birthday by Jean Naemark and family.
In observance of the Yahrzeit of:
Moses Torontow, a dear father and grandfather by Jean Naemark and family.

PEARL AND EDWARD TORONTOW ENDOWMENT FUND
In observance of the Yahrzeit of:
Sam Tanzer, a dear father by Pearl Torontow.

STEPHEN AND GAIL VICTOR ENDOWMENT FUND
With appreciation to:
Carol Greenberg by Gail and Stephen Victor.
In memory of:
Libby Lieff by Gail and Stephen Victor.
Sylvia Bodnoff Reiter by Gail and Stephen Victor.
Adina Ben-Porat by Gail and Stephen Victor.
Herbert "Herbie" Saslove by Gail and Stephen Victor.
Rossie Rose by Gail and Stephen Victor.
Karl Waserman by Gail and Stephen Victor.

RUTH AND JOSEPH VINER ENDOWMENT FUND
In Memory of:
Sylvia Bodnoff Reiter by Ruth and Joe Viner.
Max Lieff by Ruth and Joe Viner.

NAZE WAINBERG FAMILY FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Esther and Mervin Blostein on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Matthew by Haze Wainberg.
Jamie and Susie Blatt on the upcoming arrival of their baby by Haze Wainberg.
Speedy recovery to:
Tessie Laing by Naze Wainberg.
In appreciation to:
Sharon Asher by Haze Wainberg.
Naze Wainberg by the Gussman family.

WASERMAN FAMILY FUND
In memory of Karl Waserman by Arlene and Mel Schwey, Andre and Karen and Ian and Jessica; and by Rose and Chick Taylor.

HARRY AND RAE WEIDMAN MEMORIAL FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Jodi and Mayo on the birth of their daughter Alexa by Bubbie Roz and Zaydie Myles Teller.
In Honour of:
Selina, our precious granddaughter by Bubbie Roz and Zeydie Myles Taller.

MIRIAM AND LOUIS WEINER ENDOWMENT FUND
R'fuah sh'lemah to:
Dottie Rogoff by Miriam and Louis Weiner.
In memory of:
David Nussbaum by Miriam and Louis Weiner.
Max Lieff by Miriam and Louis Weiner.
Florence Blumenthal by Miriam and Louis Weiner.

JOSEPH AND SONIA WEINSTEIN MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of:
Robert (Rube) Berezin by Yetta and Larry Arron.
Karl Waserman by Yette and Larry Arron.
Herbert "Herbie" Saslove by Yetta and Larry Arron.
Malca Goldstein by Yetta and Larry Anon.
Rossie Rose by Yetta and Larry Arron.

CLAIRE-JENANNE AND ERIC WILNER FAMILY FUND
In memory of:
Saul Wilner by Claire-Jehanne and Eric Wilner.

ROBERT WENER AND LYNNE ORECK WENER FAMILY FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Mr. and Mrs. T. Oreck on the birth of their grandson by Lynne Oreck Wener, Bobby, Taym, Elene and Hart Wener.
In memory of:
Irv, uncle of Mr. and Mrs. T. Oreck, by Lynne Oreck Wener, Bobby, Taym, Elene and Nart Wener.

IRVING AND DIANE WEXLER FAMILY FUND
In memory of:
Robert (Rube) Berezin by Diane Wexler.
Marcel Van Dam by Diane Wexler.
Amnon Namein's mother by Diane Wexler.

HYMIE WHITZMAN MEMORIAL FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Sunny and John Tavel on the engagement of their daughter Leslie to David Burstein by Judie and Fred Ross and family.
Speedy recovery to:
Mera Goldstein by Judie and Fred Ross and family.

CHAIM AND SELA ZARETSKY MEMORIAL FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Bea and Moe Lessor on their 60th wedding anniversary by Lou and Sara Satov.

NATHAN, DAVID AND MAX ZELIKOVITZ FAMILIES FUND
In memory of:
Sylvia Bodnoff Reiter by Sue and Ronnie Green.
Rossie Rose by Sally Taller and Max Zelikovitz.
Herbert "Herbie" Saslove by Sally Taller and Max Zelikovitz.

PINCHAS ZUKERMAN MUSICAL EDUCATION FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Len and Rhona Cogan on the birth of their granddaughter Sophie Rose by Dr. Norman and Myrna Barwin.
Pinchas Zukerman on receiving the Issac Stern Award by Ruth Berger and Marty Davis, Director, Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation-United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa Board and Staff.
Linda and Archie Cogan on the birth of their grandson Liam Sage by Dr. Norman and Myrna Barwin.
Geri and Sid Goldstein on the birth of their granddaughter Miriam by Dr. Norman and Myrna Barwin.

B'NAI MITZVAH CLUB

JAMIE BEREZINB'NAI MITZVAH FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Gary, Shelley, and Jamie Berezin on the birth of their grandnephew Jake by Carol, Laurie, Bryon and Noah Pascoe.
In memory of:
Robert (Rube) Berezin by Evelyn and Irving Greenberg; by Chick and Rose Taylor; by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth N. Glube; by Gert Budovitch; by Ruth Bodovitch; by Malerie and Allan Shusterman and family; by Myra and Steven Narrison and family; by David Gordon; by Gail Lieff; by Anne and Irving Huss; by Carol, Laurie, Byron and Noah Pascoe; by Rose and Chick Taylor; Ethel and David Malek and family; by Shelley and Sid Rothman and family; by Anne, Larry and Jeremy Rubenstein; by Edna and Saul Goldfarb; by Ingrid and Gerry Levitz; by Ethel and Irving Taylor; by Diane Koven, Jeremy and Zahava; by Sheldon and Corinne Taylor and family; by Rhoda and Bernie Zaitlin; by Shirley Berezin; by Merlene and David Noffman and family; by Robin and Michael Storfer; by Gerry and Susan Lampert and family; and by Alyce and Allan Baker and family.

RACHEL SILBERT CONWAY B'NAI MITZVAN FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Gail Lieff on her new position as Teen Manager of B.B.Y.O. by Rachel Silbert.
In memory of:
Karl Waserman by Ruth Silbert.

DAVINA ANNIE FINN B'NAI MITZVAH FUND
R'fuah Sh'lemah to:
Carole Zagerman by Sharon, Paul, Joshua, Jordan and Davina Finn.

JORDAN SAMUEL FINN B'NAI MITZVAH FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Cindy Feingold and Roger Greenberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Nicholas by Sharon, Paul, Joshua, Jordan and Davina Finn.
Roslyn and Arnie Kimmel on the engagement of their son Michael to Sandra by Sharon, Paul, Joshua, Jordan and Davina.
R'fuah Sh'lemah to:
Pat Abramovitch by Sharon, Paul, Joshua, Jordan and Davina Finn.

MAX JONAN GENNIS B'NAI MITZVAN FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Max Gennis, our dear grandson on receiving an Aliyah by Bubba and Zaydie Pinkus.

RYAN GOLDBERG B'NAI MITZVAN FUND
In memory of:
Libby Lieff by Len and Mary Potechin.

NICHOLAS GREENBERG B'NAI MITZVAN FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Nicholas Greenberg on his outstanding Bar Mitzvah by aunt Sally and uncle Elliott Levitan; by Marty Davis, Director, Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation - United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa, Board and Staff; and by Elissa and Avraham Iny and family.

STACEY SAMANTHA KATZ B'NAI MITZVAN FUND
In memory of:
Libby Lieff by Joany and Andy Katz and family.

SARAN ESTHER LESH B'NAI MITZVAH FUND
Speedy recovery to:
Carole Zagerman by Liz Lesh and family.

EVAN NADEL MACKAY B'NAI MITZVAN FUND
Best wishes to:
Angela Walker and Tim Moggridge on their 40th birthday by Neni Nadel.
R'fuah Sh'lemah to:
Daun Kennedy by Heni Nadel and Tegan.
Susan Paterson by Heni Nadel.
Melissa Hays by Neni Nadel and JET.
In memory of:
Kan Boor by Heni Nadel.
Sophie Nelson by Heni Nadel.

MARK NADOLNY B'NAI MITZVAN FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Dorothy and Herb Nadolny on their 50th wedding anniversary by Laurie, Bill, Mark, Alana, Joey, Erica, Jocelyne and Jayme.
Dorothy and Herb Nadolny on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Mark by Rose and Chick Taylor.

MARSHALL ROTHMAN B'NAI MITZVAH FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Eitan Moaz on his Bar Mitzvah by Sid and Shelley Rothman and family.
Nicholas Greenberg on his Bar Mitzvah by Marshall Rothman.
Marissa Signer on her Bal Mitzvah by Marshall Rothman.
In memory of:
Shimon Bank by Sally Johns.

LEAH KOVACS SCHWEITZER B'NAI MITZVAN FUND
Mazal Tov to:
Jonathan Sherman on his Bar Mitzvah by Leah Kovacs Schweitzer.
With appreciation to:
Adenna Wisenthal and Ron Nuberman by Kathi Kovacs and Irwin and Leah Schweitzer.
Judith and Ed Borts by Kathi Kovacs and Irwin and Leah Schweitzer.

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JONATHAN SHERMAN B'NAI MITZVAH FUND
Mazal Tov to:

Jonathan Sherman on his Bar Mitzvah by Marshall Rothman; and by Allan and Alyce Baker.

Randi and Ian Sherman on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jonathan by Lori, Peter, Brianna and Amy Greenberg.

Murray Garceau on his 60th birthday by Norma and Stanley Goldstein.

Bea and Murray Garceau on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Jonathan Sherman by Ethel and David Malek and family.

In memory of:

Joyce Steinberg by Bea and Murray Garceau.

Mollie Garceau by Julie and Jack Sherman; and by Norma and Stanley Goldstein.

ALAYNA THAW B'NAI MITZVAH FUND
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Saul Silverman

A Jewish reference shelf

Where do you go when you quickly have to look something up about Jewish questions?

I'm going to suggest two basic sources for reference research. Sometimes, these will be all that is necessary; in other instances, they should fill you in on the generalities of your topic and lay the basis for future research.

To test them, I posed typical questions in three areas: Judaism as a set of religious beliefs and observances; Jewish life and culture, contemporary or historical; and Israel. The test topics were the Passover Seder and its traditions; Jewish life in New York City; and, as an example of an Israeli topic, not obscure but not too general, General Shaul Mofaz.

A Jewish Encyclopedia

First, I want to use a comprehensive Jewish encyclopedia. The current Encyclopedia Judaica, except for a few extracts, is not available on the web. There are many encyclopedic sources in particular Jewish areas (for example, Judaism 101 for basic questions of beliefs and traditions). But *Jewish Encyclopedia.com* bills itself as the only free Jewish encyclopedia on the web (*http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/index.jsp*). This is the full text, with search apparatus, of the great general encyclopedia published in the early 1900s.

For many topics, particularly traditional or historical information, older biographies and the like, this is still an excellent source (something like the often-recommended 9th and 11th editions of the Britannica). For example, it gave me all I needed to briefly research the seder and its traditions. My "New York" search turned up a lengthy article on the history of the Jews of New York from their origins to the early 1900s; the second half of the article dealt, in detail, with a contemporary review of New York Jews and their institutions during the period of the great East European migration.

The recommendation that follows should take care of your basic questions that deal with more current topics.

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Besides the free web, there are many subscription (i.e., you pay) services that give you access to material that is sometimes not otherwise available. You can now, however, get access to some key subscription reference services free of charge.

All you have to do is to access the Ottawa Public Library(OPL) on the web at *http://209.217.90.68/electronic/index.htm*. The OPL gives you access to over a dozen paid services (total cost if you took out individual subscriptions would be hundreds of dollars a year) free of charge, because they have paid for a group subscription for OPL members.

All of these are listed, as links, at the above web address. The OPL database I use most often for research is Microsoft's Electric Library Canada. Click on the link and when the main page comes up, click again on the Electric Library logo. This will open a password blank; insert your library card membership number (the numbers beneath the barcode in the new library system card) and click "enter."

The main Electric Library page is set up as a search engine with check boxes so that you can search all of or any specific data bases for newspaper articles, magazine articles, book sections, graphics, maps and transcripts of broadcasts or public hearings.

On all three test topics, the Electric Library provided ample material. For my "seder" question, among items I found covered when I did a magazine search and a book search were such contemporary themes as feminist seders and cyber-seders, a few articles on seders in Canada, and a number of articles from general encyclopedias providing overviews of Passover and brief entries on major rabbis mentioned in the Haggada.

For the Electric Library, I confined myself to a search for "New York Jews" under books (30 hits) and magazines (also 30). The quality of results was more diffuse than for the "seder" topic, but I still found some good stuff: some ethnocultural and historical studies (e.g. for the early immigration) and articles on New York Jews and recent elections, etc.

For the last topic, General Mofaz, the material in the general source mainly came from newspapers, Israeli and others, but there were a few useful magazine and academic journal articles, including one from last summer on the debates within the Israeli leadership and the military command. Material was quite up to date, including a number of recent articles on Israel's political scene, in which Mofaz is mentioned as a member of the Sharon cabinet, and an interesting assessment of the changes in the Israeli Defense Forces. The most recent article was dated a day before I did my research.

All in all, checking out such research sources produced useful results in a very brief time, and without wasted effort. Using these sources, I could get a reasonably up-to-date grounding in all of the topics that I searched. You can, too.

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The Book Beat

Kinneret Globerman

Biographies: Two Kingly Men and a Heretic

My mother has always preferred biographies to fiction. She says it's because she likes to read about real people with real stories that haven't been made-up.

I might disagree with her on one point: There's always room for a biographer to interpret a subject's life and where there's interpretation, there's sometimes spin.

King David
By Jonathan Kirsch
Softcover, 2001 (with Reading Guide)
A Ballantine Book/Random House
368 pages

I must be the only reviewer out there who did not find this book "splendid, excellent, entertaining or literary." Yes, "there's no question that in Kirsch's hands, the Bible is more exciting than a Saturday night B-movie special," but also in Kirsch's hands, King David is portrayed as a highly selfish, sexually deviant, lustful, morally bankrupt individual that no one, especially God, would conceivably laud. Was David really as vile as Kirsch depicts him?

Kirsch would claim the Bible itself gives us a David who is "a liar and a trickster ... an outlaw and an extortionist...an exhibitionist ... a voyeur, a seducer, and a murderer," a man who inspired in both men and women "sometimes a pristine love but more often...a carnal one." Kirsch likens David to John F. Kennedy. Both were compelling figures. They were charmers, revered in their lifetimes. They were both war heroes, both talented writers, attractive physically. Both were equally enthralled with power, ruthless in their pursuit of it.

And each of them "was a sexual adventurer ... forgiven for his ruthlessness *and* his sexual aggression."

Well, the Bible has been interpreted in so many ways so maybe Kirsch's representation of David is right, to a degree. His book is certainly readable (although uncomfortably so) and it's obvious by the copious endnotes and impressive bibliography that he has researched his subject thoroughly. But I found the author's explanations of his interpretation to be disingenuous; I can't help thinking that Kirsch is one heck of a spin doctor.

Sandy Koufax: A Lefty's Legacy
By Jane Leavy
HarperCollins Publishers
Hardcover, 2002
282 pages
(Available in audio form)

Sandy Koufax got into baseball and became the Brooklyn Dodger's star pitcher almost by fluke. The Jewish kid from Brooklyn with the movie-star looks attended the University of Cincinnati on a scholarship – for basketball.

Washington Post writer, Jane Leavy, has written a fascinating biography of the talented lefty. Relying on second-person accounts because the subject of her book wasn't interested in being the focus of her public revelations, Leavy interviewed over 400 people: friends, coaches, players, teammates and opponents, fans and relatives to help her paint a portrait of a very private man. She spoke to gentiles and Jews, baseball executives and scouts, and Hall of Famers. None of them had a bad word to say about this very gentle and humble man who became a legend in his own time.

Sandy Koufax was "one of five pitchers in major league history who pitched at least one thousand innings with more career strikeouts than innings pitched. His last year, pitching with a crippled, arthritic arm, he won twenty-seven games and completed as many." He was also famous for refusing to pitch the opening game of the 1965 World Series because it fell on Yom Kippur, and for forcing the Dodgers – together with pitching partner Don Drysdale – to offer up a fairer salary package, setting a future precedent.

Yet even though baseball was so much a part of his life, Koufax never once let it take over. He knew when not to play (on the Jewish High Holy Days), and he knew when to quit (when arthritis got the better of him and he couldn't straighten his left arm). A highly readable biography and social history about the man who was "bio-mechanically perfect."

Spinoza: A Very Short Introduction
By Roger Scruton
Oxford University Press
Softcover, 2002
129 pages

Baruch de Spinoza was considered by many to be "the greatest heretic of the 17th Century." Quite a feat for the Jewish boy born in Amsterdam in 1632. His father, hoping his son would become a rabbi, sent him to Jewish school and to synagogue to study Hebrew, and Jewish and Arabic theology. One of Spinoza's secular teachers, Frances van den Enden, is probably to blame for his "heretical" path. He introduced Spinoza to modern science and "free enquiry."

When his father died, Spinoza renounced his ties to the Jewish community, changed his name to Benedict, and began associating more with Christian thinkers. His life was such a scandal to the Jewish community that by the time he was 24, the rabbis accused him of heresy and excommunicated him when he refused to repent his ways. His main theories were that man was responsible for his own misery and happiness, and that God is not distinct from the world, but imminent within it – an idea that many considered atheistic.

Scruton has not written a biography per se; this little book (it can easily fit into a jacket pocket) is more an academic analysis of Spinoza's philosophy and writings. If you never got the chance to study Spinoza in school, this compact dissertation by a former professor of aesthetics from the University of London provides an accessible way to learn about an important philosopher.

By the way, this "Very Short Introductions" series from Oxford University Press is a fantastic concept. In a few years, OUP hopes, it will total about 200 volumes covering history, philosophy, religion, science and the humanities. Check their website for titles: *www.oup.co.uk/vsi.*

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COMMUNITY CELEBRATES CHANUKAH

Jody Katz entertains the more than 200 people who attended the Chanukah ball at Agudath Israel. The yearly event is sponsored by local shuls.

Israeli Ambassador Chaim Divon lights the candles at the embassy party. Over 400 people, including many diplomats and politicians were entertained by Cantor Daniel Benlo and the Shire Ottawa Choir. (Photos: Peter Waiser)

Central Park residents enjoy their Chanukah celebration.

Jat Setters Chanukah Party for Young Adults saw over 60 people enjoy standup comedy, latkes, donuts and a great time socializing.

Touch of Klez entertains at the Hillel Lodge Auxiliary Chanukah party.

Hillel Academy Kindergarten students take part in Chanukah activities.

Rabbi Menachem Blum hosts "Jewish Jeopardy" at the OTC/Chabad Chanukah party at the former Nepean City Hall.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATES CHANUKAH

Beth Shalom West and Tamir celebrate together

By Esther Kulik,
co-chair Congregation
Beth Shalom West

Our Chanukah celebration was enhanced this year when Beth Shalom West welcomed Tamir residents and their families to join in our Annual Congregational Chanukah Party.

With the attendance of around 50, we had a wonderful time singing, mingling, and noshing on our favorite Chanukah treats.

The talented quartet of Aviva Lightstone, Nathan Cepelinski, Isaac Muzikansky and our very own Cantor Daniel Benlolo involved us all in a sing along medley of our favorite Chanukah songs. The room was filled with laughter and fun as we celebrated the Festival of Lights.

Leah Smith, Tamir's Judaic Program Coordinator prepared the agenda for the evening which featured the newly formed Tamir Choir. Members of Tamir took turns recounting the Miracle of Chanukah interspersed with the Tamir Choir singing traditional Chanukah songs. The evening also included a group candle lighting, and an explanation of the history and rituals of Chanukah.

Rabbi Howard Finkelstein was pleased to see how the membership of BSW welcomed Tamir and is looking forward to occasions where we can collaborate again for other holiday celebrations.

Future plans call for a Tamir BSW Purim event.

Tamir residents Jay Greenblatt (left) and Meredith Caplan (right) join Cantor Daniel Benlolo and Aviva Lightstone in song during a Chanukah party at Beth Shalom West.

For the second year in a row, Cantor Moshe Krauz lights the Chanukah candles and sang to thousands of Budapest residents, diplomats and politicians in front of Hungary's Parliament.

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Made with Love

Cindy Feingold

Health food makes me sick

I'm pleased to be writing the food column for the *Bulletin*. I've decided to title this column Made with Love. When I was in cooking school I was often criticized for creating food which didn't look quite perfect. My pastry, when rolled out, resembled a relief map of Africa, my vegetables were never diced to an even size or uniform consistency and my cookies often were of uneven size and thickness so that each batch contained both burned and slightly raw cookies.

My comeback to my professors was "This is food made with love. You don't want food to look perfect, like it came out of a factory."

Food made with love should be the goal of every cook. Don't strive for perfection.

Every January, after indulging in latkes and chocolate Chanukah gelt in December, I'm always looking for some lighter winter fare. Someone once said, "Health food makes me sick." That's how most people feel when they hear the phrase "healthy eating." Here's a healthy light menu, full of flavour. Eating it will leave you feeling virtuous.

The first recipe is for baked tortilla chips. These are great for scooping up the chili. I have adapted this recipe from *Martha Stewart Living*. Most store bought baked chips taste like cardboard. These chips take only about 10 minutes to make and they have a wonderful taste and texture.

The second recipe is for a vegetarian chili, that incorporates "ground beef" tofu, but don't let that put you off. I promise you won't know you're eating tofu. It has a texture very similar to ground beef. The ground tofu is made by Yves and it's called "veggie ground round." You can find it in the supermarket at the end of the produce aisle. It comes in Italian and original flavour. Both work well in this recipe. I've suggested serving this chili with light sour cream and grated cheese. For a party, it's fun to set out a whole assortment of toppings, such as diced tomatoes, diced red or green onions, diced peppers and bottles of hot sauce. All these toppings look festive and provide additional flavour without a lot of calories. If you aren't concerned about extra calories, add a bowl of guacamole for a delicious topping.

Baked Tortilla Chips

Flour tortillas come in many flavours. I like to use a combination of white, whole wheat, spinach (the green ones) and salsa (the red ones). The chips look beautiful cut into wedges or into two-inch wide strips. If you are entertaining, cut them into strips and stand them in a tall glass vase. Your guests will be very impressed.

6 large flour tortillas
1 tablespoon canola or corn oil
3/4 teaspoon kosher salt

Preheat oven to 350° F. Brush flour tortillas with oil and sprinkle with salt. Cut each tortilla into either 6 wedges or across into five 2 - inch strips.

Arrange cut pieces on baking sheets, trying not to overlap chips. Bake for about 10 - 12 minutes until golden brown and crisp. Let cool and store in airtight container if not using right away. They keep well for about 2 weeks.

Vegetarian Chili

This recipe is very low in fat (about 5 grams per serving) and high in fiber (about 20 grams per serving). Use a large pot because this recipe makes about 10 servings. Leftovers freeze very well.

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 red pepper, diced into 1/2 inch pieces
1 yellow pepper, diced into 1/2 inch pieces
1 medium onion, diced into 1/2 inch pieces
2 large garlic cloves, minced fine
1 - 19 ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
1 - 19 ounce can white beans, drained and rinsed
1 - 12 ounce can corn, drained
2 - 28 ounce cans Italian plum tomatoes
3 cups water
1 cup uncooked long grain rice
1/2 - 1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
2 small zucchinis, diced into 1/2 inch cubes
340 gram package of ground beef tofu

For garnish:
Light sour cream
Grated cheddar cheese

Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add red and yellow peppers, onion and garlic and sauté for about 5 minutes, until vegetables are tender. Drain canned tomatoes and add the liquid to the pot. Coarsely chop the tomatoes and add them to the pot. Stir in canned beans, corn, rice and water. Add chili powder, salt and cumin. Stir and bring mixture to a boil.

Reduce heat to low. Cover pot and simmer for about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add "ground beef" tofu and zucchini and cook on low, uncovered, for about another 5 minutes. Spoon out into serving bowls and top with a dollop of light sour cream and grated cheddar cheese. Serve with baked tortilla chips.

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Kid Lit

Deanna Silverman

Best friends: a basic need

Sooner or later almost every child needs a best friend. But what can that child do if relatives don't approve of the best friend, especially if the reason is religious prejudice? The following historical novels deal with that theme, and several others, realistically and sensitively.

Interestingly, while both books feature highly intelligent female protagonists, each has well developed male characters that are sufficiently central to the storyline to enable the book to appeal to readers of both sexes.

Although the stories differ greatly, their numerous underlying elements of commonality transcend place and time. Foremost among them is the Shakespearean challenge: "To thine own self be true." But how does a child find the inner strength to fulfill that maxim?

when pirates came to Brooklyn
By Phyllis Shalant
Dutton Children's Books 2002
214 pps. Ages 8 -10

Now let's fly back to the Brooklyn, New York of 1960. *when pirates came to Brooklyn* is a gloriously entertaining, complex tale disguised as a straight-forward read, part fantasy, part reality. A sparkling one and a half page opening chapter sets the tone for all that is to come.

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Sharing the joys of dazzling imaginative play are the tentative beginnings of a friendship between two, ultra bright sixth graders who live on the same street but attend different schools.

Can Lee Bloom and Polly Burke become friends, let alone best friends, in the face of opposition from Lee 's mother who hates *goyim* (gentiles) and shvartzes (Negroes) and Polly's Christian fundamentalist mother who secretly tries to scare Lee into conversion?

Although Peter Pan imagery is front and centre, the story also borrows from Mark Twain's Tom Sawyer in the person of Eddie Wagner, Lee's street-smart school mate. I also think a bit of *Robinson Crusoe* creeps into Lee's relationship with the ever helpful Negro building superintendent, Zeke.

How do pomatoes, plumcots, George Washington Carver, a disabled former best friend, a sick aunt and her Friday night apple cakes, and a hurricane further this story of "roots and wings?"

Suffice it to say, they and caring for younger brothers, broaden the book's anti-discrimination themes, often carrying them to humorous heights.

when pirates came to Brooklyn is, quite simply, delightful.

Sparks Fly Upward
By Carol Matas
Clarion Books 2002
182 pps. Ages 9 - 14

Primarily set in Winnipeg in the early 1900's, *Sparks Fly Upward* is an engaging story of self-discovery and growth within the context of a large, close-knit, multi-generational Jewish family dominated by Zalda and Baba, devastating poverty, family secrets, and religious squabbles.

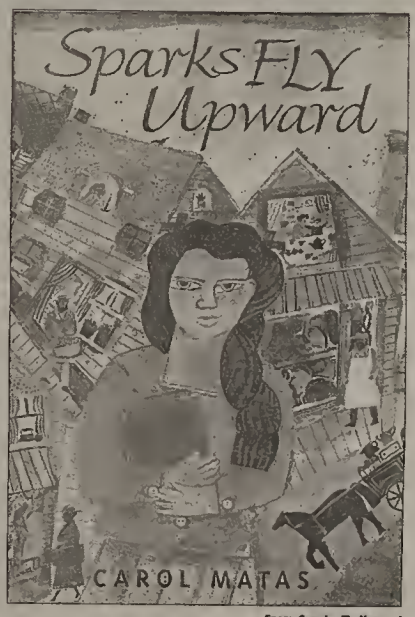
Twelve year old Rebecca has always thought of herself as shy and lacking in courage. So you can imagine how she feels when a fire destroys the family farmhouse in Saskatchewan, forcing Rebecca and her suddenly impoverished family to move to the big city of Winnipeg, leaving behind her best friend.

As if that's not bad enough, Zalda can't afford to feed and lodge 21 people under one roof in Winnipeg and Papa can't find a job. The family, the source of Rebecca's strength and comfort, has to break-up at least temporarily.

Rebecca finds herself on her own, a lodger in a Ukrainian home. Sophie Kostianuks and her mother are warm and friendly. Sophie, like Rebecca, loves to read and, again like Rebecca, is a huge fan of Mark Twain and Frank Baum's Oz books.

But what about Mr. Kostianuks and Sophie's brothers, especially Sasha? Are they anti-Semitic? If Sasha isn't anti-Semitic, why is he constantly fighting Rebecca's similar aged uncles, Max and Sam, at school, even pulling a knife on Max?

How can Rebecca and Sophie be best friends when Rachel Levey, the bossy leader of the Jewish girls in Rebecca's class at Strathcona School, won't let Rebecca anywhere near Sophie. And, after the knife episode, Baba decrees Rebecca cannot even talk to Sophie.



From *Sparks Fly Upward*

What do Mama and Papa think of this mess? Will consulting Rabbi Kahanovich help? Above all, does Rebecca have the courage to follow her heart, like Papa? Can Rebecca, Sophie, Max, Sam and Sasha find it in themselves to make the *Sparks Fly Upward*?

Amidst these and other problems, the sense of place and time shine through, as do funny, loving incidents of family solidarity and a dramatic act of bravery. Based on family stories, Carol Matas's *Sparks Fly Upward* is a gripping read.

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- If you have one and one half hours once a month to spare, please consider offering your time as a replacement driver for our regulars who winter in the south. We need one individual to **DELIVER PRODUCE** to two homes in the east end on the last Monday in January, February and March and one person to **DELIVER KOSHER FOOD** to an elderly gentleman in the east end on January 12, February 9 and March 9.
- **Kosher Meals on Wheels needs drivers** for the winter months. What is required? A car, a license and one hour of your time. Pick up is at 10:30 am at Hillel Lodge.
- A senior living in the Craig Henry area **would love a drive** to the Mitzvah Knitters program at the SJCC . The program takes place on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm.
- A Bronson Avenue area senior and a senior living near Agudath Israel are looking for a friendly visit once a week. If you have time to give, please call us.

For more information on any of the above, please call Beverly Grostern (304) or Roslyn Wollock (313) at 722-2225

These are just a few of many volunteer opportunities available in our community.
For more information about volunteering, call 798-4696, ext 299.

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WHAT'S GOING ON
January 20 - February 2

For a detailed listing visit www.jewishottawa.org or www.ottawajewishbulletin.com

TUESDAY JANUARY 21

Jewish Learning Institute course, Kabbalah Rhythms: a spiritual roadmap to Hebrew living, begins, 8:00 p.m. Info: 823-0866.

Malca Pass Library Book Discussion Group, Book: Empire Falls by Richard Russo, Reviewer: David Kwavnick, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 8:00 p.m.

JNF
JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF CANADA

SUNDAY JANUARY 26

Jewish National Fund's Annual Tu B Shevat Telethon, Offices of tha Regional Group, 200 Catherina Street, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

JACS - Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others, location varies, call - 282-0249 or email ottawa@jacs.ca

MONDAY JANUARY 27

Futures (JFS) & Greenberg Families Library presents Ottawa's Premiere of Schmelvis, internationally acclaimed documentary film, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1

ACHAI Special Ed Program of Rambam-Maimonides School is sponsoring a Chinese Dinner, Hillel Lodge, 7:00 p.m. Info: 820-9404.

NOT TO BE MISSED!

February 6
CANTOR DANIEL BENLOLO AND CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM WEST A CONCERT AND TRIBUTE TO THE RT. HON. HERB GRAY
Centrepointe Theatre
Tickets: Centrepointe Theatre Box Office 580-2700

February 7-9
JFS, JET, JSA AND THE OUTDOOR CLUB PRESENT SINGLES SHABBATON
Info: Tawn Friedman (722-2225, ext. 401) (tfiedman@jewishfamilyservicec.org.)

Feb. 7-9
ADATH SHALOM CONGREGATION SILVER ANNIVERSARY SHABBATON
Info: Alysse Weinberg (729-5279) (weinberg@uottawa.ca)

February 9
OTTAWA JEWISH FILM SOCIETY PRESENTS HESTER STREET, Greenberg Families Library
Info: 798-9818, ext. 245

February 13
SJCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Info: Anne Huss 798-9818, ext. 221

March 5 - 14: UJA FAMILY MISSION TO ISRAEL
Information: 798-4696, ext. 258. Online applications: www jewishottawa.com

CANDLELIGHTING

January 24 4:38 pm
January 31 4:48 pm
February 7 4:58 pm
February 14 5:09 pm
February 21 5:19 pm
February 28 5:28 pm

Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private

This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Jewish Community Campus of Ottawa Inc. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by Brenda Schafer, calendar coordinator at 798-9818 ext. 265. We have voice mail. Accurate details must be provided and all events must be open to the Jewish public. You may fax to 798-9835 or email to bschafer@jccottawa.com.

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David Cramer, Lethbridge Alberta (father of Jack Cramer)
William Dorfman, Montreal (father of Dr. Sheila Rothstein)
Helen Gardner, Toronto (mother of the late Charles Gardner)
Malca Goldstein
Solomon Goodz, St. Sophie, Québec (father of Donna Klaiman-Fine)
Freda Hershenfield, Montreal (mother of Lillian Zunder)
David Samuel Horwitz
Max Lieff
Frank Loves
Freda Millstone, Toronto (mother of Stanley Millstone)
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Sara Ostrzega, Toronto (mother of Ken Ostrega)
Bessie Resnick, Boston (mother of Rena Cohen)
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May their memories be a blessing always.

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